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BEDFORD OLD FAMILIES,

WITH

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

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IN adding the following chapters of family history no claim is made to completeness. The object has been to arrange in a readable manner all the obtainable facts. If items are recorded that seem of no special value, the chief object of their introduction has been to break the monotony of a register of vital statistics.

The plan at first was to introduce only those families that represented the founders of the town and those that came early, and only such when they had interests of long standing. After more mature consideration, it seemed best to extend the privilege, and the following letter was sent into each family:—

The history of Bedford, with genealogical sketches of families and biographical notes, is soon to be completed. If you desire your family register inserted, you will please furnish the data at once. If you wish space for illustration, together with sixty-five natives of Bedford who have already ordered, you will give it your immediate attention.

Failing to do so before Jan. 20, 1891, may necessitate the omission of your family, in which event you can have no reasonable cause for complaint.

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When branches of families have ceased to be identified with the interests of the town, they have been omitted, unless the data have been supplied by interested parties. In many instances the absence of records or other information has made it impossible to present any connected or intelligent account.

It is hoped that those who have passed unheeded the printed invitations to furnish family records, and have left their promises unfulfilled, will charitably overlook not a few of the omissions and incomplete registers.

The author of this work trusts that the *substance* will be found of value.

These chapters are the result of much labor and anxious investigation, and will have served their purpose if they arouse any one of the present or of a future generation to emulate the virtues of their ancestors or to shun their vices.

With a hope that they may be helpful to some one better qualified to compile this branch of history, they are added as fragmentary records.

“What more precious testimonial of your love of kindred and home can you leave than that which provides for the transmission of the history of your ancestors, yourself and family, to future generations?”—*Hon. Marshall P. Wilder.*

EXPLANATIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS.

We have tried to be systematic in these registers, but in some instances a deviation will be noticed.

We first give some note on the origin of the family in this country, and earlier if known.

The surname is given when introducing the family, and printed in full-face capitals, and only repeated when a biographical note is appended to the family register.

When a man's name is introduced as the head of a family it is given in full-face type, and is accompanied with date of marriage, name of wife, and date of death of each, as the case may be.

Then follows the register of births, children's names being in *italics*. If a son is recorded later as the head of a family, a full face **h** is placed at the left. When not so recorded, the register is completed. The descendants of daughters are not traced unless they are found as heads of other families. When one is to be found with another family the name of husband is given as a guide.

When a daughter is not to appear through union with some other family recorded in this volume, her marriage, place of residence, etc., if known, are added to the record of her birth.

A dash between records of families having a common surname indicates the kinship as remote or not traceable, *i.e.*:—

John Clark, ———.

Peter Clark, ———.

The Arabic figures represent the generation in this country; in cases where they are omitted, it was not possible to obtain them.

Abbreviations: b., born; bap., baptized; ch., child or children.; d., died; dau., daughter; gr.-dau., granddaughter; m., married; q. v., which see.

When no state is designated, Massachusetts is understood.

ABBOT, or **ABBOTT**, George,¹ with sons, George,² Nehemiah,² and Thomas,² was from England. George¹ d. in Rowley, in 1647. George² m. Sarah Farnum, settled in Andover. Had to ch. He d. 1719, aged 92; she d. 1728, aged 90. George³ m. 1689, Elizabeth Ballard; m. 2d, Hannah Esty. Had 9 ch.

Obed,⁴ son of George,³ a weaver from Salem, bought a farm of Nathaniel Hudson in Sept. 1725, and settled in the

southerly part of Billerica, now Bedford. It is included in Bedford Springs. He was prominent in forming the town and church, small in stature, and of great physical power. He m. Elizabeth —, and d. May 11, 1773; she d. May 29, 1752. Ch. *h. Moses*,⁵ b. Jan. 13, 1727. *Sarah*, b. April 22, 1729, m. Feb. 11, 1748, Isaac Stearns of Billerica. *Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 16, 1731, m. Dec. 9, 1756, Abijah Cutler of Brookfield. *John*,⁵ b. Feb. 4, 1733. *Mary*, b. Feb. 16, 1745, m. Daniel Parker of Reading.

Moses,⁵ (Capt.), known as Solid Abbott, was 1st Lieut. of Bedford Minute Men, and lived on the homestead. He m. April 15, 1755, Mary Hill of Billerica. He d. May 22, 1809; she d. Sept. 5, 1801. Ch. *Betty*, b. July 12, 1757, m. Oliver Reed. *John*,⁶ b. May 29, 1759. *h. Moses*,⁶ b. Sept. 21, 1761. *Jeremiah*,⁶ b. Nov. 23, 1763, settled in Groton. *Benjamin*,⁶ b. Feb. 9, 1766, d. May 21, 1793. *Mary*, b. July 2, 1768, m. May 10, 1791, William Webber.

Moses,⁶ m. Dec. 7, 1786, Alice Stearns, d. Feb. 19, 1802. Had 6 ch. d. young, and *Alice*, b. Sept. 22, 1788. *Lucy*, *h. Stearns*, b. Feb. 11, 1792. *h. Moses*,⁷ b. Aug. 16, 1795. *h. Oliver* R.⁷ b. Mar. 26, 1800.

Moses,⁷ m. June 22, 1820, Susanna Jaquith, d. July, 1836. Ch. *Susan Curraline*, b. Oct. 8, 1820, m. Seth Austin. *Moses* G.⁸ b. June 5, 1822. *Charles Edwin*,⁸ b. Feb. 24, 1824. *John Henry*,⁸ b. Aug. 16, 1825. *Sylvester A.*,⁸ b. Dec. 9, 1831, d. June 14, 1890. *Anna L.* b. May 24, 1834, d. Mar. 17, 1883.

Oliver R.,⁷ m. Mary A. Wilson; m. 2d, Mary A. Buttrick. He d. Sept. 11, 1842; she d. Dec. 26, 1825.

ASHBY, William M. from England, settled in Bedford, 1847; manufactured sashes and blinds on Vine Brook; went to California in 1848; later purchased the Fitch Mill, and there conducted business till his death in Nov. 1872. He m. May 4, 1845, Eunice M. Butterfield. Ch. *Emma F.* b. Oct. 16, 1847, m. Joseph A. Goodwin.

BACON. The name has been prominent in the territory comprising this town for more than two hundred years, and, at times, — with the exception of Lane and Hartwell, — the most numerous.

Michael,¹ was the immigrant ancestor. He went from the north of England to the north of Ireland about 1633, and came to this country about seven years later, settling in Dedham about 1640. He was accompanied by his wife, three sons, — Michael,² Daniel,² and John,² — and a daughter, Sarah. The children are all mentioned in a will dated at Dedham, "14—1648." His wife died in 1647, and he in 1648.

Michael,² with wife from Ireland, seems to have settled at first in Charlestown; for there, on Dec. 18, 1649, he was a petitioner for the proposed town of Woburn, and became one of the original inhabitants. He was chosen, April 13, 1644, surveyor of highways. Frothingham, in the history of Charlestown, gives a list of the inhabitants of that town between 1630 and 1640, and as the name Bacon does not appear, it is probable that Michael² came to Charlestown late in 1640. In a mortgage received June 8, 1675, he is alluded to as a citizen of Billerica. In August, 1675, the town of Billerica, when providing defense against the Indians in Philip's war, assigned Michael Bacon to garrison "No. 10," under command of Timothy Brooks. Mary, the first wife of Michael,² d. Aug. 26, 1655. He then married Mary Richardson of Woburn (Sewall's history); she d. May 19, 1670. He married, 3d, Nov. 28, 1670, Mary Noyes. One of the children of Michael² was *Michael*,³ b. about 1640.

Michael,³ m. Mar. 22, 1660, Sarah Richardson of Woburn, who d. Aug. 15, 1694. He d. Aug. 13, 1707. They had ten children, some of whom were born in Woburn.

Michael Bacon — probably Michael³ — purchased the Rev. Mr. Mitchell farm of 500 acres in July, 1682, for £200. This farm was a grant by Cambridge to their minister, in 1652. It was situated on the Shawshine River, and included the mill, and was known for many years as "the Bacon homestead." Michael³ was an occupant before the purchase, and had a mill before 1675. Paige, in history of Cambridge, has the following: "Michael Bacon of Woburn bought of Rodger Shaw a farm in the north-westly part of Cambridge (now Bedford), including all the meadow adjoining to the great swamp near the east corner of Concord bounds that falls to Cambridge."

The numerous family of Bacon, prominent in the history of Bedford, have almost all descended from Michael,³ through Jonathan⁴ and Benjamin.⁴ The early exceptions were children of Nathaniel, Josiah, and Joseph, sons of Michael,³ q. v. One hundred descendants of Michael,³ of the name of Bacon, are recorded here previous to 1822, and probably as many descendants of the daughters. In the tax-list of 1743 there are eight Bacons, six of them owning real estate. The "Bacon house," still standing, is thought to have been built by Michael,³ in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Six later generations of the family — in five of which were Benjamins — have been born or lived in that house. (See frontispiece.)

Among other estimable traits of the Bacons, a notable one has been their musical talent, manifested during the entire history of this town. Many of this name and their descendants have been prominently identified with vocal or instrumental music.

Jonathan,⁴ 2d son of Michael,³ b. July 14, 1762, m. Jan. 3, 1694, Elizabeth Giles, who d. in 1738; m. 2d, Sept. 22, 1739, Elizabeth (Hancock) Wyman. He d. Jan. 12, 1754. (See epitaph.) Ch. *Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 26, 1695. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 25, 1696, m. Israel Putnam. *Anna*, d. young. *Jonathan*,⁵ b. Dec. 18, 1700, m. Ruth —, and had William,⁶ who d. young. *Mary*, b. Sept. 18, 1702. *Breget*, b. Jan. 5, 1706—7. (See epitaph.) *Anna*, b. Aug. 19, 1709.

Jonathan Bacon⁴ was a man of prominence in Billerica, although living far from the centre of the settlement. In 1699 he was approved by the selectmen "to sell victuals and drink." It was ordered by the "Great and General Court," in 1705, that Jonathan Bacon and others should have proportionable shares with other common proprietors and inhabitants of Billerica in all future divisions of undivided and waste lands belonging to the town, according to their proportion of the town charges for the last seven years. Jonathan, with two brothers, was in the Indian wars with "Mager Lane," in 1706. When the town assigned the schoolmaster to the different sections, in 1722, he was to go "one month to Jonathan Bacons." Jonathan⁴ and brother, Josiah, protested against certain proceedings of the town in 1710. He represented the town of Billerica at the "Great and General Court" in 1726, and was selectman in 1719 and 1727. He was prominent in the petition to secure the formation of the town of Bedford. As a "principal inhabitant," he was appointed to assemble the people in the first town meeting, Oct. 6, 1729, at which time he was chosen one of the selectmen. (See frontispiece and epitaph.) Benjamin,⁴ already mentioned as the son of Michael,³ — who, with Jonathan,⁴ be-

came the limbs of the ancestral tree to continue the prominence of the family in this town,—was the son to remain on the homestead. He, with brother, Joseph,⁴ had land deeded by Michael,³ their father, in 1704, deed not recorded until 1710.

Benjamin,⁴ son of Michael,³ was born about 1688, m. Dec. 2, 1712, Abigail Taylor of Concord, d. 1727 (tombstone, Billerica yard). Ch. *h Benjamin*,⁵ b. Dec. 6, 1713; *h John*,⁵ b. June 16, 1716. *Abigail*, b. Sept. 23, 1718, m. James Simonds of Woburn. *Samuel*,⁵ b. July 21, 1721. *Mary*, b. —? In a will dated Nov. 23, 1727, all the children except Mary are mentioned, and provision made for a child if one should be born after the father's death.

Benjamin,⁵ m. Feb. 15, 1739, Catherine, dau. of Col. John Lane. They both d. in 1791. Had 4 ch. d. young, *h Benjamin*,⁶ b. 1741. *Elijah*,⁶ b. 1754, m. Amittai Lane, d. 1788.

Benjamin Bacon⁵ was a deacon of Bedford Church from 1739 till his death in 1791. In 1784 he deeded one-half of his real estate to his son Elijah. Benjamin⁵ and Elijah⁶ were engaged in the Concord fight. Of the twenty-six "minute men" from Bedford, at Concord fight, six were Bacons, and there were two in the company of militia in that engagement. There were nine Bacons reported as liable to do military duty May 15, 1775.

Benjamin,⁶ m. May 27, 1766, Esther Davis; m. 2d, Dec. 31, 1789, Amittai (Lane) Bacon; m. 3d, Anna (Crosby) Jaquith. He d. Jan. 19, 1828. Ch. *Esther*, b. Mar. 24, 1767, m. — Emes. *h Benjamin*,⁷ b. May 6, 1769. *Catherine*, b. Mar. 4, 1771, m. — Emes. *Isaac*,⁷ d. young. *Jesse*,⁷ d. young. *h Stephen*,⁷ b. Sept. 28, 1778.

Benjamin Bacon⁶ by marriage with the widow of his brother Elijah, gained possession of the half of his father's estate given to Elijah,⁵ and being heir to the other half, became owner of the whole of the Bacon homestead, which at that time comprised only a part of the original Mitchell farm.

Benjamin,⁷ m. Martha Preston. He d. 1838; she d. 1834. Ch. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 2, 1794, d. young. *Esther Davis*, b. July 24, 1795, d. 1867; a life-long resident of Bedford, a member of the Church of Christ (Trin. Cong.), a teacher in first Sabbath school from its organization, active in charitable works. *h Elijah*,⁸ b. Oct. 23, 1796. *Patty*, b. 1798, m. James Davis. *h Benjamin*,⁸ b. Jan. 13, 1801, d. 1888. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 5, 1803, m. William Whitford, d. 1831. *Joe Lane*,⁸ d. young. *h Isaac Preston*,⁸ b. July 13, 1807. *h Sylvester*,⁸ b. Jan. 13, 1809. *Jeremiah*,⁸ d. young. *Catharine*, b. Mar. 27, 1816, m. John Moses Fitch; they formerly resided in Bedford, but have for many years been located in Michigan.

Elijah,⁸ m. Jan. 26, 1823, Mary, dau. of Elisha and Dolly (Smith) Watson. He d. Jan. 16, 1873. She d. Nov. 23, 1886. Ch. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. June 5, 1824, m. June 4, 1846, C. W. Bulfinch. She d. Dec. 24, 1886. *Maria Esther*, b. Mar. 20, 1827. *Martha Davis*, b. Mar. 20, 1827, m. July 2, 1855, C. H. True. *Harriet Lavonia*, b. Oct. 12, 1829. *Henry Watson*,⁹ b. July 8, 1839.

Elijah Bacon⁸ was born, and reared as a farmer, at the ancestral homestead in Bedford (see frontispiece). Possessing inventive genius and mechanical skill, he later engaged successfully in the manufacture of agricultural implements,—notably, wrought-iron plows. As a citizen, he was highly esteemed for his sterling integrity, genial and sympathetic nature, and excellent judgment on all points

connected with agriculture. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Bedford (Trin. Cong.) nearly fifty-eight years.

Henry Watson,⁹ was born in Bedford, at the homestead where six generations of his ancestors had preceded him (see frontispiece). At an early age his home was changed to the village, where he resided during his youth. Dr. Bacon has long been engaged in the practice of dentistry in Boston.

Benjamin,⁹ son of Benj.⁷ m. Sylvania, dau. of David and Molly Lane. Ch. *Martha Sylvania*, b. July 31, 1822. Family then removed from town.

Isaac Preston,⁹ son of Benj.⁷ m. Susanna E. dau. of Willard and Mary Buttrick. He d. Sept. 18, 1883; she d. Oct. 28, 1887. Ch. *h William F*,⁹ b. 1834. *Ellen A*, b. 1835.

Isaac P. Bacon⁹ was born at the ancestral homestead in Bedford, where he passed his early years (see frontispiece); subsequently learning the trade of wheelwright, at which he diligently worked until his decease. He was a man of genial yet positive nature, and of unswerving loyalty to his moral convictions. During the last eight years of his life, he was a deacon of the Church of Christ in Bedford (Trin. Cong.). A memorial window honors him in the meeting-house of the Trinitarian Congregational Society.

William F.,⁹ m. Julia C. Sikes; m. 2d, Mary W. Beal. Ch. *Fred E*,¹⁰ b. d. 1861. *Charles A*,¹⁰ b. 1862, Dartmouth Col., 1883. Professor of Astronomy in Beloit Col. *George P*,¹⁰ b. 1866, Dartmouth Col. 1887. Teacher. *William A*,¹⁰ b. 1869, Dartmouth Col. 1890. Teacher. *Theodore H*,¹⁰ b. 1874. *Arthur A*,¹⁰ b. 1875. *Julia A*, b. 1877. William F. Bacon,⁹ a Congregational minister of prominence, has been pastor at Amesbury, Mass., Laconia, N.H., and East Hampton, Mass.

Sylvester,⁹ son of Benj.⁷ m. July 19, 1843, Ann P. dau. of George and Rebecca (Siter) Rees. He d. Jan. 7, 1890. She d. Apr. 4, 1873. Ch. *Emma*, b. May 3, 1844, d. young. *Louis*,⁹ b. Oct. 19, 1847, d. young. *Henry*,⁹ b. Oct. 10, 1884, d. young. *Anna L*, b. June 30, 1849. *George R*,⁹ b. May 19, 1851. *Frank*,⁹ b. Oct. 23, 1853.

Sylvester Bacon,⁹ was born in Bedford, and was a resident of the town during his early years. He later engaged in the manufacture of marble mantels in Philadelphia, Pa., where he permanently resided.

John,⁹ son of Benj.⁷ lived across the line in Billerica, on share of the homestead. He m. in 1744 Elizabeth Stearns, and d. in 1760. (See epitaph.) She m. 2d, Capt. Jonathan Wilson. They had eight children, of whom four d. young (see epitaphs), and *Reuben*,⁶ who was at Concord fight, d. May, 1775 (see Revolution). *Abigail*,⁶ b. 1754, d. May 1, 1776. *h Thompson*,⁶ b. Mar. 5, 1760.

Thompson,⁶ m. Oct. 16, 1783, Martha, dau. of John Hosmer and Martha Webber, and gr. dau. of Benjamin Webber and Susanna Whitmore. He d. 1833; she d. 1847. Ch. *Reuben*,⁷ d. an infant. *h Jonathan*,⁷ b. April 15, 1785. *h John*,⁷ b. Dec. 22, 1786. *h Reuben*,⁷ b. Nov. 25, 1788. *Nancy*,⁷ b. Jan. 19, 1793, m. Dec. 16, 1819, Cyrus Warren, d. July 28, 1876. *Octa*, b. Feb. 27, 1795, d. July 28, 1811. *Thompson*,⁷ b. April 16, 1797, m. April 17, 1821, Rebecca P. Porter, d. Mar. 19, 1838. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 4, 1799, m. Joseph Webber, Jr. *Elbridge*,⁷ b. Aug. 2, 1800, m. April 27, 1823, Louisa Reed, d. Aug. 31, 1848. *h Albert*,⁷ b. Aug. 24, 1802.

Thompson Bacon,⁶ settled on a farm south of the village. He was a land surveyor of skill; his plans and charts are

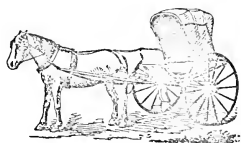
valuable for reference at the present time. He was a prominent Whig and later a Republican, and represented the town at the General Court in 1812.

Jonathan,⁷ m. July 15, 1806, Abigail Clark. She d. May 18, 1857; he d. Aug. 2, 1856. (See biographical sketch, Chap. XXI.) Ch. Twins, d. in infancy. *Abi ail*, b. Feb. 6, 1807, m. William Ripley, d. June 14, 1880. *Clark*,⁸ b. Sept. 15, 1808, m. Emma C. Burr, d. Mar. 5, 1857. *Frederick*,⁸ b. July 13, 1811, m. Ann Robbins, d. July 29, 1875. *Caroline*, b. July 25, 1813, m. May 14, 1837, Isaac W. Hurd. *Warren*,⁸ b. Jan. 13, 1816, d. Jan. 22, 1822. *Elisa Ann*, b. Apr. 13, 1818, m. Prescott J. Bigelow, d. Mar. 29, 1859. *h Warren*,⁸ b. Nov. 30, 1822. *h Jerome Augustus*,⁸ b. June 21, 1827. *Emma Augusta*, b. Dec. 15, 1831, m. Sebastian Kramer, d. Oct. 19, 1872.

John,⁷ a shoemaker, and prominent citizen of Bedford, m. Betsey Cutler. He d. Feb. 1875; she d. Jan. 1879. Ch. *h Edward*,⁸ b. Feb. 15, 1817. *h John Otis*,⁸ b. Sept. 1, 1822. *h Jerome Augustus*,⁸ b. Aug. 16, 1838, m. Myra Nelson.

Reuben,⁷ m. Sarah Clark. He d. Nov. 2, 1857; she d. Feb. 18, 1877. Ch. *Sarah*, b. May 19, 1807, m. Edward Flint. *Nancy*, b. Oct. 22, 1809, m. John Augustus Merriam. *h Reuben*,⁸ b. Dec. 8, 1811. *Martha*, b. Mar. 22, 1814, m. Joseph Hosmer, d. 1885. *Ann Elisa*, b. Sept. 3, 1821, m. Joseph Porter, d. Sept. 3, 1860. *Mary Jane*, b. Mar. 14, 1824, m. Henry Townsend. *Helen F.* b. April 25, 1830, m. William C. Barrett of Providence, R.I. Reuben Bacon⁷ was a prominent shoe manufacturer, and a leading man in town and Unitarian church. He was town clerk from 1830 to 1844, was representative to General Court from his native town in 1834 and 1839-40, and a member of the State Senate in 1836. He was a justice of the peace.

Albert,⁷ m. June 2, 1825, Susan Reed. Ch. *h Albert Thompson*,⁸ b. Dec. 8, 1827. Albert Bacon⁷ was a merchant at one time, and a man of prominence in town and Unitarian church. He represented the town in the General Court in 1854. (See Officers.) He, with his companion, constitute, in 1891, the most venerable and honored couple of the town, aged 89 and 85 years respectively. The sixty-sixth anniversary of their marriage was appropriately celebrated by the town on June 2, 1891. Their bridal trip was made in a bellows-top chaise.



Jerome Augustus,⁸ son of Jonathan,⁷ m. Marion M. Darling, m. 2d, Lizzie F. Merriam of Boston, granddaughter of Francis Jackson, a co-worker with Garrison and Phillips. She d. Jan. 6, 1882. He m. 3d, Anna R. March of Bedford. Ch. *Clara D.*, who m. 1st, Orrin Smith, and had Marion D., and Jerome. By 2d wife, *Frank*,⁹ graduate of Harvard College, 1890, and a student at Harvard Law School. By 3d wife, *Charles Aaron*, b. Dec. 25, 1889. *Mary* and *Abigail* (twins), b. June 13, 1891. Jerome A. Bacon⁸ was the youngest son of Jonathan.⁷ He lived at

home until he was fifteen years of age, when a desire for more than an ordinary education prompted him to seek advantages outside of his native town. He attended school at Concord, under Henry and John Thoreau, and completed a course at Lawrence Academy, Groton. He paid his expenses by his own efforts. At the age of nineteen years, his father rewarded his ambition by giving him the choice of a college course or a start in business. He chose the latter, and learned the gold leaf and dental foil business in his brother Clark's factory at Boston. After six months' experience he was given the oversight of the apprentices, and soon started the business for himself on the homestead at Bedford. This he conducted, together with the manufacture of the patent lever blind fastener, and gave employment to seventeen people. Through personal application and skillful management, he acquired sufficient wealth to enable him to relax close application, which declining health of his wife made necessary. After the death of his father, he purchased the homestead, and enlarged and beautified it for his own residence. His keen perception of business possibilities led him to purchase the mill of the Lawrence Paper Co., at Lawrence, Mass., and he entered upon the manufacture of paper entirely inexperienced. In 1881 he organized the Bacon Paper Company, taking nine-tenths of the stock himself. He then turned his attention to Berlin Falls, N.H., where he saw a remarkable water power, which he began to utilize, in company with Henry H. Furbish, in the extension of the manufacture of chemical wood fibre for paper stock, which he was already manufacturing there. They bought the entire water privilege and adjoining lands, built new mills and scores of houses for operatives. Thirty-two tons of fibre are turned out from these mills daily. The enterprise has led to the development of the town, which now has a population of about 4000 people, or nearly six times that of ten years ago. Mr. Bacon has interests in other mills, together with an orange plantation on St. John's River, Florida, that comprises eighty acres of trees, planted under his personal supervision during a season of ill health when recuperating in that state. Mr. Bacon is a helpful friend of his native town and of the church of his father's choice, where he worships. He is of a retiring nature, and all his acts are free from ostentation.

Albert T.⁸ son of Albert,⁷ m. 1848, Sarah A. Gragg, who d. Nov. 30, 1877; m. 2d, Sept. 10, 1879, Carrie L. Moar. Ch. *Edna L.* b. April 10, 1881. *Albert Reed*,⁹ b. April 22, 1883. Albert T. Bacon⁸ attended the schools of the town, then the academy at Concord, under Henry and John Thoreau, and later the Lawrence Academy at Groton, under Rev. James Means. He is the leader of the Bedford Cornet Band, organized in 1888. He inherited the mechanical talent of the family, which he developed by working on watch and clock machinery at his home in early life. In 1853 he entered the employ of the Boston Watch Company, then located at Roxbury. He finished the first watch completed by the company. He went with the company to their new and permanent location at Waltham, and served in the various departments of the business until he was made superintendent, in 1858, in which position he remained until 1877, when he resigned and returned to his native town. He was prominent in promoting the enterprise, and saw the small company of 1857, which employed twenty hands, pass through its many vicissitudes until it became the American Watch Company, with nine hundred em-

ployees and a daily producing power of one hundred and fifty watches. Mr. Bacon is a member of Monitor Lodge, F. & A.M., being a past master; also a member of Waltham Royal Arch Chapter, and of De Molay Commandery of Knights Templars, of Boston.

Reuben,⁸ son of Reuben,⁷ m. 1st, Ruth Corbin. She d. July 19, 1838. He m. 2d, Jane M. Davis. He d. Feb. 22, 1891; she d. Oct. 5, 1879. Ch. *Alonso Reuben*,⁹ b. May 4, 1834, d. Mar. 26, 1835. *Orlando*,⁹ b. Feb. 6, 1836. *Reuben Alonso*,⁹ b. July 1, 1838.

Edward,⁸ son of John,⁷ m. April 3, 1839, Charlotte Hatch, d. Nov. 18, 1857. She m. 2d, Dec. 9, 1859, Benjamin Brown, d. Oct. 11, 1888. Ch. *Emily Frances*, d. young. *Lydia Ella*, b. June 14, 1845, m. George B. Wheaton. *George Edward*,⁹ d. young. *Clara Estelle*, b. Dec. 2, 1849, m. John E. Dodge, d. Mar. 22, 1880. *Charlotte Eva*, b. Jan. 30, 1853, m. Theodore L. Russell.

John Otis,⁷ son of John,⁷ m. Clara A. Goodwin. Ch. *Alice*, d. an infant. *George H.*⁹ b. June 9, 1850, m. Eliza K. Whelpley of Boston, have *Clara M.* b. Jan. 3, 1881. *Eugene*,⁹ b. Sept. 1853, m. Bertha Lawrence, of Ashby, have *Lawrence*, b. Jan. 13, 1882, *Ramona Z.* b. Sept. 1883. *Josephine*, b. 1855, m. S. S. Wilsie, of Illinois, have *George P.* b. July, 1885. *Mary A.* b. Sept. 1859, m. Edward M. French, have *Roland*, b. 1886, *Annie J.* b. 1890. *Theodore*,⁹ b. 1857, m. 1882, Addie Mann, have *Flora*, b. 1885. *Clarence S.*⁹ b. 1865, m. Hattie Anderson. *Charles*,⁹ b. 1868, d. young.

Warren,⁸ son of Jonathan,⁷ m. Aug. 1, 1841, Lucy A. Lawrence. He d. Feb. 5, 1868. Ch. *Frederick Warren*,⁹ d. young. *Walter Frank*,⁹ b. Mar. 8, 1846. *Frederick Warren*,⁹ b. May 4, 1849, d. Oct. 23, 1871. *Flora Adelaide*, b. Sept. 30, 1852, m. Horace K. Osborn of Arlington.

Walter Frank,⁹ m. Oct. 21, 1868, Isabel F. Gilbert of Arlington. He d. Dec. 8, 1890. Ch. *Warren Lawrence*,¹⁰ b. Dec. 21, 1869. *Flora Isabel*, d. young. *Marion Nickerson*, d. young. *Franklin Gilbert*,¹⁰ b. Oct. 6, 1875. *Olive Thayer*, b. Aug. 13, 1887. *Lucy Ann*, b. Sept. 3, 1888.

Stephen,⁷ m. Nov. 28, 1799, Mary Porter. He d. 1839; she d. 1856. Ch. *Susan W.* m. Timothy Jones, d. Oct. 5, 1888. *Mary P.* m. John Dudley, d. Sept. 29, 1826. *Stephen Jr.*⁸ m. Maria Parkhurst, of Temple, N.H., d. Jan. 1867. *Eliza*, b. 1804, d. 1823. *Caroline*, b. Jan. 24, 1807, m. Abel S. Munroe, d. Jan. 21, 1866. *Nancy*, b. Nov. 8, 1810, m. Abel Fitch, 2d, Nathan O. Reed. *Harriet A.* m. Silas Sawyer, of Sharon, N.H., d. Aug. 19, 1836.

Nathaniel,⁴ son of Michael and Sarah Bacon, b. 1675, m. Judith Wyman. Ch. *Nathaniel*,⁵ b. 1700. *Judith* d. an infant. *Judith*, b. 1702. *Abigail*, b. 1704-5, m. Thomas Grover. *Sarah*, b. 1707, m. Benj. Grover of Stoneham. *Michael*,⁵ d. an infant. *Susanna*, b. 1710, m. Nathan Brooks of Concord. *Michael*,⁵ b. 1713. *Joseph*,⁵ b. 1716. *Thomas*,⁵ b. 1721.

Michael,⁵ son of Nathaniel⁴ and Judith, m. Nov. 24, 1743, Sarah Whittemore of Lexington. She d. April 17, 1745. He m. 2d, Mar. 5, 1747, Elizabeth, dau. of Job and Mary Lane, had 9 ch., of whom David⁶ was killed by William Merriam on June 15, 1810. Solomon⁶ lived on a rough farm on Pine Hill road.

Joseph,⁴ son of Michael,³ b. May 8, 1685, m. May 9, 1716, Rebecca Taylor of Concord. He d. 1747; she d. 1778 (see epitaph). Ch. *Rebecca*, d. unmarried. *Ruth*, m. Joseph Robbins, of Acton. *Lydia*, m. Amos Brooks of Harvard. *Eunice*, m. Samuel Bacon of Stow. For setting

off "widow's thirds" see page 54. The heirs sold to Samuel Bacon of Stowe, who with his wife Eunice (Bacon) Bacon settled on her homestead, later Thompson Bacon's. Their ch. are *Samuel*, b. Feb. 16, 1749-50. *Joseph*, b. Nov. 18, 1751. *Abigail*, b. Mar. 15, 1754. *Nash*, b. Jan. 26, 1756. *Stephen*, b. Mar. 24, 1758. *Josina*, b. Feb. 23, 1760. *Sith*, b. Sept. 26, 1761. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 11, 1764. *Mary*, b. Dec. 31, 1765. These ch. of Samuel and Eunice are of the sixth generation, but as the father is not of the Bedford line from Michael they are not indicated as are others.

BILLINGS. The family settled in that part of Concord which is now Lincoln. The line of descent in that town has been from Joseph through Nathan to John, m. Lydia Dennis. Ch. *Lydia F.* b. 1801. *Mary*, b. 1803. *John D.* b. 1805, m. May, 1832, Eliza Ann Stearns, d. Mar. 27, 1871 (see Industries). She d. Mar. 3, 1875. Ch. *Mary Ann*, b. Mar. 18, 1833, m. Oliver J. Lane. *John Winn*, b. Jan. 9, 1837, d. 1840. *William P.* b. 1810, m. 1834, Adeline A. Bond, who d. Jan. 1875.

BLAKE, John Quincy, son of William and Susanna Childs, b. in Boston June, 1809, m. Lucretia (dau. of Isaac Davis, a Boston merchant who perished on steamer Lexington Jan. 29, 1840), b. July, 1815. Ch. *Anna Maria*, b. Nov. 2, 1834, m. Francis H. Holton, 1 ch. *Walter Francis*, b. June, 1836, soldier in Union army, wounded at Fredericksburg, pensioned, drowned Aug. 1886. *Edwin Henry*, b. Nov. 2, 1838. *Clara Matilda*, b. Aug. 31, 1841, m. Byron Harmon, M.D., of Woburn. *Theodore Ernest*, b. Dec. 3, 1843, m. Elizabeth Mathers. *Eveline Amelia*, b. Jan. 29, 1846, m. Eben Pratt, 6 ch. *Frederick William*, b. May 1, 1848. *Arthur Wellesley*, b. Oct. 14, 1851, m. Alice M. McCuen, 1 ch. *Irene Adelia*, b. April, 1854, d. 1874. *Joiah Q.* b. Mar. 3, 1856, d. young. *George Washington*, b. Feb. 4, 1861, m. Mary Perkins, 1 ch.

Edwin Henry, m. June 1, 1862, Mary L. Parkhurst. Ch. *Charles Ernest*, b. and d. 1863. *Edithena*, b. and d. 1864. *Alfred Elmer*, b. May 27, 1866. *Clarence Wilfred*, b. July 27, 1869, d. Mar. 17, 1884. *John Quincy*, b. Oct. 14, 1874. *Edwina May*, b. Dec. 11, 1875. *Charles Warren*, b. Mar. 20, 1881. Edwin H. Blake started in the grocery business in this town April, 1860. Sold out and moved to East Cambridge Dec., 1864, where he followed the same business until 1882, when he returned to Bedford where he resides. He was on the board of Overseers of Poor of Cambridge 1872, alderman 1878-9, selectman of Bedford from 1884 to 1891, representative from Dist. 19 in the Legislature 1888.

Alfred Elmer, m. Sept. 27, 1887, Fanny Belle Rowe. Ch. *Edwin Rowe*, b. July 18, 1890.

BOYNTON, William, from England, settled in Rowley, Mass. His son probably went from Rowley to Groton or Pepperell. The line has been William,¹ Moses,² Abram,³ John,⁴ John T.,⁵ who was b. in 1818, m. in 1843 Mary, dau. of Zebediah and Susan Adams. He has been often in town office. Ch. *Mary Etta*, b. Aug. 10, 1846, m. Frederick Davis. *Nellie A.* b. June 12, 1850, grad. of Framingham Normal School. Teacher at Emerson School, Concord.

BROWN. (Not numerous in Bedford.) In the early years of the town's history there was a family but of very remote connection, if any, with that now in the town. *Joseph* m. Nov. 6, 1754, Desire Batchelder, d. 1762 (see epitaph). She m. 2d, Stephen Mead, d. Sept. 9, 1797.

Joseph and Desire had several ch., among whom was Captain Joseph, b. 1755, d. 1808.

There were three early settlers of Watertown by the name of Brown, and thought to have been of the same family, viz., Richard, Abraham, and John. The records of Boston show that there was an Edmund Brown, proprietor, of Boston, as early as 1647; and according to a land suit, 1682, Edmund was nephew to Abraham and brother to John, of Watertown, and a son of John, of Hawkedon, England. Robert Brown, a near relative of John, was a reformer and founder of the denomination of independants called originally Brownists, and now represented in church organization and government by the various denominations of Congregationalists.

John,¹ b. in Hawkedon, England, 1631, m. 1655, Esther or Hester Makepeace, of Boston (probably England). Settled in Watertown, N.E., and later Marlboro and Falmouth. His will, dated at Watertown, Nov. 20, 1697, says, "late of Falmouth." Of their twelve ch. Joseph,² the last, b. 1677, m. Nov. 15, 1699, Ruhamah Wellington, of Watertown, where they settled. He was selectman, constable, and town clerk from 1700 to 1708. He sold his farm in 1709 and removed to Lexington, where he and his wife were admitted to the church, May, 1713, of which he was later a deacon. He d. Jan. 11, 1766; she d. July 1, 1772, aged 92. Ch. *Ruhamah*, b. 1701. *h Daniel*,³ b. 1703. *John*,³ b. 1706, d. 1730. *Joseph*,³ b. 1708. *James*,³ bap. Sept. 2, 1708, in Lexington. *Josiah*,³ b. 1714, bap. Aug. 12, 1715, admitted to church Mar. 11, 1730, graduated at Harvard Col. in 1735, settled in Sterling. *Benjamin*,³ b. 1720, d. 1801. *William*,³ b. in 1723, was a deacon of church of Framingham and selectman of town.

Daniel,³ m. about 1728, — Eliot, who d. 1734-5. He m. 2d, Anne Bright, of Watertown, who d. Jan. 18, 1780, in Lunenburg. He d. Feb. 26, 1796. Ch. *John*,⁴ d. an infant. *Ruhamah*, b. April 7, 1731, m. John Reed, of Bedford. *h Nathaniel Bowman*,⁴ b. July 1, 1738. *Abisha*,⁴ bap. Aug. 13, 1738. *Anna*, b. April 29, 1739. *Daniel*,⁴ b. Dec. 20, 1741. *Esther*, Dec. 20, 1743, m. Nathaniel Totttingham, of Westminster. *Jerusha*, b. Mar. 18, 1746, m. Abisha Brown, of Concord. *Martha*, b. June 18, 1749, m. Zachariah Brown, of Concord. *John*,⁴ b. April 12, 1751, killed on Lexington Common April 19, 1775. *Hannah*, b. April 8, 1756. *Mary*, b. May 8, 1758.

Nathaniel Bowman,⁴ m. Feb. 9, 1765, Abigail Page of Bedford. Both admitted to Lexington church Oct. 6, 1765, and were dismissed to the church in Lunenburg in 1783. He d. July 30, 1806; she d. Aug. 8, 1799. Ch. *Susannah*, bap. Oct. 24, 1766, m. Cook, of Plymouth, Vt. *Abigail*, bap. April 26, 1767, m. Robert Bishop. *h Nathaniel*,⁵ bap. Mar. 26, 1769. *Anna*, bap. Feb. 3, 1771. *Nancy*, m. French, of Concord. *Hannah*, d. unmarried in Michigan. *Ruhamah*, m. Daniel Barrett, of Vermont. *Polly*, m. Moses Fitch, of Bedford. *Daniel*,⁵ d. in Michigan. *Thomas*,⁵ settled in Vermont, and became the founder of a large and influential family. *h Joseph*,⁵ b. Jan. 24, 1782.

Nathaniel,⁵ m. Mar. 30, 1797, Ruth Lane, of Bedford, where they first settled, removed to Plymouth, Vt., and founded a prominent family. He d. April 28, 1834; she d. Aug. 13, 1833. Ch. *Amos*,⁶ b. Mar. 23, 1799. *John*,⁶ (see epitaph), b. Mar. 19, 1803. *Mary Ann*, b. Sept. 9, 1805. *Ruth Davis*, b. Oct. 17, 1807. *John Pugh*,⁶ Jan. 12, 1810.

Joseph,⁵ m. Oct. 5, 1809, Betsey, dau. of Dea. James

Wright; she d. June 30, 1818; 2d, Feb. 18, 1819, Rachel, dau. of Dea. Moses Fitch. He d. Aug. 26, 1853; she d. Mar. 26, 1868. Ch. by 2d wife, *h Joseph*,⁶ Jr. b. April 27, 1820. *Moses Fitch*,⁶ b. April 15, 1823. Joseph Brown⁵ was a man of prominence in the town, often in town office, was decided and outspoken in all his dealings. His integrity and good judgment led many to select him to settle their estates and act as guardian of their children, which trusts he faithfully administered.

Joseph,⁶ Jr. m. 1843, Sarah Ingalls. He d. July 24, 1854; she m. 2d, Eldridge Merriam. Ch. *Joseph Winthrop*,⁷ d. young. *Eugene Anson*,⁷ b. Oct. 18, 1847, who is a physician in Madison, Wisconsin.

Moses Fitch,⁶ m. Elizabeth Smith, and his family, settled on the homestead, where he started the butchering business, which he followed till his death, April 29, 1873. She d. April 17, 1882. *h Ch. John Henry*,⁷ b. Sept. 1844. *Alden*,⁷ b. Sept. 1846, d. July 20, 1868. *Abram English*,⁷ b. Jan. 21, 1849, m. Oct. 11, 1877, Sarah J. Flint, of Shrewsbury.

John Henry,⁷ m. Mar. 1868, Ann M. Willard. Ch. *Alden W.*,⁸ b. July 21, 1869. John Henry was in the war of the Rebellion (see page 69). He succeeded to the business established by his father, which he now follows together with his son.

BROOKS, Silas, from Worcester, m. Nancy Weeks of Waltham, settled in Bedford in 1838 as a wheelwright. He d. April 7, 1872. Three ch. two d. young. *Edwin M.* b. Sept. 14, 1843, m. Sarah P. Nelson of Peterboro, N.H. Was in Union army [see page 69], d. April 5, 1873.

BUTTERFIELD, Benjamin, headed petitioners, May 10, 1833, "for a grant of the quantity of six miles square which bordereth upon Merrimack River." It included the town of Chelmsford, in which the name of Butterfield was prominent for many years. John d. in a stage-coach while going from Westford to his home. He left a widow and several ch. four of whom settled in Bedford. Ch. *h Joseph M.* b. Oct. 1812. *Eunice*, b. July 22, 1816, m. W. M. Ashby. *h John* b. Nov. 1818. *h Charles M.* b. Feb. 1820.

Joseph M., b. Oct. 1812, m. Oct. 11, 1835, Clarissa Blodgett of Lexington, who d. April 25, 1890. Ch. *Ellen E.*, d. young. *Ellen M.* b. Sept. 22, 1839, m. Jonas E. Munroe.

Charles M., b. Feb. 1820, m. Sept. 6, 1840, Louisa Emerson, and d. April 25, 1887. Ch. Mary Louisa, b. Jan. 25, 1841, m. Sept. 27, 1869, Fred A. Locke, d. June 13, 1890. Charles Edward, d. an infant. Lucy Matilda, b. Mar. 18, 1844, m. Oct. 21, 1863, Eben T. Sumner. Charles Frederick, d. an infant.

John, b. Nov. 1818, m. Sept. 1840, Elizabeth Hodgman, who d. June 1, 1874. Ch. John H. b. Nov. 14, 1841. Eldora, b. May 31, 1843, m. H. K. Appleton, d. April 9, 1879.

CALEF, Wallace A., treasurer of Bedford Lumber & Manufacturing Co., son of Asa F. and Sarah (Nichols) Calef, was b. in Lowell, July 29, 1848. He m. Emma Francis Meek of Concord. Ch. *Edna Georgiana*, b. Sept. 26, 1879.

CHAMBERLIN. The family in this country is first found in Woburn. Thomas and Edmund were among the first English settlers of Chelmsford.

Phineas (gen. unknown), came from Chelmsford to this town about 1790, m. Feb. 21, 1797, Dorcas Varium of Draut. He d. Jan. 9, 1809; she d. Mar. 5, 1849. Ch. *Dorcas*, b. Dec. 6, 1797, m. Timothy Phelps, d. in Dedham.

Lydia Smith, b. Oct. 25, 1799, d. Sept. 13, 1854. *David Varnum*, b. Mar. 6, 1801, d. May 22, 1833. *h Phineas Whiting*, b. Sept. 2, 1803. *Benjamin Adams*, b. June 22, 1806. *Enoch Lane*, b. Feb. 8, 1808, d. Sept. 5, 1885.

Phineas W. m. May 12, 1831, *Almira Hatch*; she d. Aug. 19, 1837; 2d, *Esther Blood*. He d. Jan. 29, 1878; wife *Esther* d. April 4, 1887. Ch. four d. young, and *Almira*, b. April 3, 1834, m. *Edward A. Hartwell*, q. v. *Phineas W. Chamberlin* learned the shoe business of *Zeb- edee Simonds*, which he successfully followed with *John D. Billings*. They were manufacturers for many years. Mr. C. was a prominent citizen of the town, being help- fully identified with its varied interests. He was a promi- nent member of the Trinitarian Congregational society and church connected with it, being deacon of the church from 1845 till death. A window to his memory is seen in the meeting-house. It was the gift of his widow.

CLARK. Several families of the name have been in town at different times. *Capt. Ebenezer* from Braintree settled here soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, where he had served as "Captain of Body Guard" of Gen- eral Washington, while in New England. He m. *Ruth Wild*. Ch. *Eb n*, b. 1781, m. *Mary Sampson*, 11 ch. He d. in Townsend. *Ruth*, b. 1783, m. *Elias Poole*, had 2 ch.; m. 2d, *Castilio Hosmer*. *Mary*, b. 1786, m. 1804, *Stephen Corbin*, 6 ch. He d. at Greenville, N.H., aged 99 yrs. *Ati- guil*, b. 1788, m. *Jonathan Bacon*, q. v., *Sarah*, b. 1790, m. *Reuben Bacon*, q. v., *Benjamin*, b. 1792, m. *Martha Hosmer*, 7 ch., d. New Ipswich, N.H. *James*, b. 1794, m. *Hannah Hodgman*, 4 ch., d. in Stoneham.

William, son of *John* and *Mary Cutts* of Maine, b. May, 1807, m. April 24, 1832, *Susanna Sprague*. He d. June 24, 1875; she d. Dec. 10, 1879. Ch. *Mary*, m. *William Everett*; 2d, *Albert P. Sampson*; d. Nov. 1863. *Wil- liam* and *John*, twins. *William* went West, where he is supposed to have d.; *John* d. in infancy. *Susan* d. July 29, 1850. *Sarah*, m. *Albert P. Sampson*. *John*, m. *Mary C. Draper*. *Elizabeth*, m. *G. S. Phillips*. *Samuel*, d. young.

Hiram, son of *Thomas* and *Lydia Woodbury*, b. in Ac- worth, N.H., Sept. 12, 1818, m. Feb. 4, 1847, *Mary Lane*, and settled in this town. He d. Feb. 26, 1891; she d. April 18, 1885. Ch. *Annette M.*, b. Feb. 28, 1850. *Mary Alice*, b. Dec. 16, 1852, d. Nov. 22, 1870. *Hiram Clark* was a farmer and later a teamster, a man of unimpeachable integ- rity.

Charles H., from Concord, m. July 12, 1869, *Abbie C. Davis*. Ch. *Engene Davis*, b. April 17, 1870. *Herbert Leslie*, b. Jan. 31, 1880. *Myron Henry*, b. July 25, 1881.

Bradford, of Concord, m. May 1, 1877, *Jennie A. Bate- man* of Rochester, N.Y. Ch. *C. Nathalie*, b. Mar. 31, 1878.

COLE, Lyman,⁷ son of *Nathaniel Cole* and *Abigail*, dau. of *Oliver* and *Abigail (Chandler) Flanders*, was b. in Plymouth, N.H., April 13, 1820. His maternal ancestry are traced to *Stephen Flanders*, who with his wife *Jane* came from England and settled in Salisbury, in 1640. *Lyman Cole* is of the seventh generation; his parents d. when he was young. He m. at Cambridge, Nov. 4, 1849, *Susannah Tufts*, and settled in Bedford, where he has since followed the business of a tin and sheet-iron worker. Ch. *h Quincy Sumner*,⁸ b. June 8, 1855. *Harriet Elizabeth*,

b. Nov. 6, 1857. *Charles Lyman*,⁸ b. Oct. 28, 1859, d. July 2, 1862. *Emma Rebecca*, b. Feb. 10, 1862, d. Dec. 27, 1863.

Mrs. Susannah Cole is a descendant, in the third generation, from *Henry Seavey* of Deerfield, N.H., who with the other inhabitants of that town lived in garrison houses during the Indian wars. He ventured out at one time for some necessaries, when he saw a lurking Indian pre- paring to shoot him. He hid behind a log, extended his hat out on a stick, and the enemy fired at it. Seavey jumped up, fired and killed the Indian, who was heard to exclaim in dying accents, "Me thought so."

Quincy Sumner,⁸ m. May 21, 1884, *Alice L. Jackson*. He follows the business of his father. Ch. *Lyman Jack- son*,⁹ b. Mar. 26, 1886. *Ida Mary*, b. Aug. 13, 1887. *Alice Bertha*, b. July 1, 1891.

COREY, Charles C. b. in Groton, Mar. 19, 1816, came to Bedford in 1831, m. Nov. 27, 1839, *Hannah A. Lane*. She d. May, 1884. He m. 2d, July 22, 1888, *Dora M. Holmes*. Ch. *Elizabeth Adelaide*, b. Nov. 1840, m. Oct. 1867, *Al Rollins*. *h Charles Andrew*, b. May 23, 1842. *George W.* d. young. *Charles C. Corey* was son of *Aaron* of Groton. His grandfather was of that town, and at Con- cord fight, April 19, 1775. He came to Bedford in 1831 in the employ of the Boston and Keene Stage Company. His father bought a part of the stage route in 1835, when father and son conducted the business, furnishing the only public conveyance from Groton to Boston. They made a round trip in two days, and carried the mails. The New England stage coach was abolished after the introduction of railroads. Mr. Corey established an express route between Bedford and Boston, and later engaged in the lum- ber and grain business.



Charles A. m. June 6, 1869, *Mary Ella Lane*. She d. July 26, 1879. Ch. *Lottie May*, b. June 24, 1870. *Mary Adelle*, b. July 25, 1876. *Charles A. Corey* followed the business of a grocer for many years. (See Town Officers.)

CROSBY. The family is now extinct in this town. The line in this country is, *Simon*¹ of Cambridge, *Simon*² of Billerica, *Nathan*,³ *Oliver*,⁴ *Oliver*,⁵ *Michael*⁶ (Dea.) of Bedford, b. 1771, m. 1792, *Asenath Blanchard*. She d. April 23, 1812. He m. 2d, *Lucy Swain*, d. Feb. 13, 1836. Ch. *Michael*,⁷ b. April 29, 1792. *Asenath*, b. Jan. 6, 1794, d. June 24, 1811. *Frederick*,⁷ b. Sept. 2, 1795. *Rachel*, b. July 15, 1797, m. May 21, 1818, *Nathan Simonds* of Burling- ton. *Mary*, b. June 19, 1799, m. Nov. 11, 1823, *Luther Eaton*. *Loammi*,⁷ b. Oct. 2, 1801. *Louisa*, b. June 18, 1803, m. *John Powers*. *George*,⁷ b. Mar. 6, 1805. *Artemas*,⁷ d. young. *Franklin*,⁷ d. young. *Asenath*, b. April 23, 1812. Dea. *Michael* was prominent in the town; was deacon from 1817 till his death.

George,⁷ m. *Abigail H. Gleason* of Billerica. Ch. *Mi- chael*, b. Jan. 9, 1833. *George*,⁸ b. Mar. 3, 1838. *William*,⁸ b. July 6, 1840. *Frederick*,⁸ b. Dec. 11, 1842. *Mary Louisa*,⁸ b. Aug. 5, 1848. *Loammi*,⁸ b. Mar. 1, 1851.

CUTLER. The family is traced to Holland. The name has various spellings. *James* was in Watertown as early as 1635. He had a grant of land in 1649 in the

northerly part. The family settled in 1631 at Cambridge Farms, near that part of Concord now included in Bedford. The Cutler settlement was quite extensive.

Amos B., a carpenter and builder, son of Isaac of Ashby and grandson of Thomas of Lexington, a member of Capt. Parker's company of 1775, was b. June 22, 1809, m. April 16, 1833, Mary P. Lane. She d. Nov. 27, 1885. (See Rep. and Town Officers.) Ch. *h* **Emerson Bartlett**, b. 1836. *Frederic Amer*, b. 1840, m. Sarah, dau. of Varnum Monroe. Two d. young.

Emerson B. m. Abby F., dau. of Elijah Brown, who d. Jan., 1856; m. 2d Catherine Jewett. Ch. *Abbie* m. O. M. Galloup. *Katie* L. m. John Adair. *Frank E.* *Emma* A. m. Herbert Hartford.

George W., son of Isaac, b. 1811, m. Lucy E. Merriam; she d. 1857; 2d, Fannie S. McIntyre of Fitchburg. He d. June, 1873. Ch. *Mary*, b. Oct. 1859. *George Arthur*, b. June, 1861. *Carrie E.* b. April, 1863, d. Nov. 1866. *Albert Warren*, b. Oct. 1863. *Clara*, b. Dec. 3, 1867. *Sarah Jennie*, b. April 1, 1870.

Nathaniel C., son of Thomas and grandson of Thomas of Lexington, m. Susan Grace Lane; she d. Feb. 4, 1847; 2d, Catherine Wheeler; 3d, Mrs. Betsey Clement. He d. May 13, 1874. Ch. *Grace Ann* was the only one who reached maturity, m. Edwin Gleason, d. Feb. 1888.

Thomas C., brother of Nathaniel C. b. Jan. 16, 1803, came to Bedford at the age of 18; was a carpenter. He was collector of taxes for nearly a quarter of a century. He m. April 17, 1828, Maria Wood; 2d, April 14, 1840, Louis Wheat, d. Feb. 7, 1869; 3d, July 1, 1870, Martha Blodget, d. May 14, 1879; 4th, Mrs. Mary Hanniford. He d. Dec. 1, 1887. Ch. *Albert*, b. July 8, 1829. *George*, b. Feb. 1834. *Henry W.* b. 1834. *Leonard*, b. Sept. 10, 1836. By 2d wife, *Clark Coolidge*, b. July 7, 1841. (See Military chapter.)

DAVIS, Dolor,¹ came, it is probable, from Kent, Eng. He was in Cambridge in 1634, a petitioner for Groton in 1636, having before resided in Barnstable, where he d. 1673. His wife was Margery, sister of Maj. Simon Willard.

Samuel,² son of Dolor and Margery, m. Jan. 11, 1655-6, Mary Mead or Medows; 2d, Oct. 18, 1711, Ruth Taylor. Had 7 ch. of whom the fifth was Eleazer,³ m. 1705, Eunice Potter, d. 1721, leaving property valued at £412 12 6. His wife m. Richard Wheeler. Ch. *h* **Eleazer**,⁴ b. Mar. 5, 1705-6. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 18, 1707, m. Benjamin Wheeler. *Timothy*,⁵ b. Dec. 8, 1709, m. Hannah Smith. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 23, 1711-12, m. Isaac Merriam. *Eunice*, b. Dec. 18, 1716, m. William Marshall. *Rebecca*, b. May 13, 1719, m. Ezra Wheeler. *Abigail*, b. May 16, 1721, m. Ezekiel Davis.

Eleazer,⁴ m. 1731, Rebecca Chandler, d. Sept. 12, 1748. Ch. *h* **Eleazer**,⁵ b. May 30, 1734. *Rebecca*, b. Aug. 2, 1736, m. Zachariah Fitch. *Elizabeth*, d. young. *Abigail*, b. Oct. 23, 1741, m. Solomon Hartwell. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 13, 1743, m. Jonathan Fassett. *Samuel*, d. young.

Eleazer,⁵ m. Sept. 3, 1756, Mary Davis; she d. Jan. 28, 1763. (See epitaph.) He m. 2d, 1764, Rebecca Putnam. Ch. *Mary*, b. Aug. 19, 1760. *Rebecca*, b. June 18, 1762. By 2d wife, *Betsey*, b. Feb. 16, 1765, m. Joseph Adams. *Lucy*, b. July 16, 1766, m. Timothy Hartwell. *h* **Eleazer**, b. Jan. 13, 1768. *Joanne* and *Sarah*, twins, b. Aug. 19, 1769; Joanna m. William Hartwell, and Sarah m. Job Webber. *Abigail*, b. Aug. 8, 1774, m. Levi Conant. *Hannah*, b. Aug. 26, 1775, m. James Webber.

Eleazer,⁶ m. Jan. 1, 1799, Martha Skinner, gr.-dau. of

John Skinner and Martha, dau. of John Whitmore and Mary Lane. He d. Aug. 22, 1841; she d. Oct. 3, 1865. Ch. *Betsy*, b. Dec. 26, 1799, d. Aug. 14, 1879. *John Skinner*,⁷ b. May 6, 1801, m. Lucy Chaplin, had *Martha C.*, d. Nov. 26, 1875. *Mary*, b. Mar. 22, 1803, d. Jan. 9, 1843. *h* **Eleazer Page**,⁸ b. Jan. 30, 1805. *Susan*, b. Jan. 7, 1807, m. Lewis P. Gleason, d. June 17, 1869. *Martha Joanna*, b. Oct. 5, 1808, d. Feb. 10, 1817. *Benjamin Josiah*,⁹ b. Dec. 20, 1810. *Hannah Skinner*, b. May 25, 1813, d. July 22, 1831. *Samuel*,⁷ b. Aug. 15, 1815. (See note.) *Martha Maria*, b. Sept. 7, 1817, d. May 24, 1884. *George E.* b. Sept. 7, 1819, d. Jan. 20, 1851.

Eleazer Page,⁷ m. Emily W. Reed; 2d. Susan W. Sayles. He d. Mar. 5, 1889; Susan W. Davis d. July 24, 1876. Ch. *Emily Maria*, b. June 13, 1831. *Ellen Amelia*, b. Mar. 10, 1845, m. Abel Fitch. *Abby Caroline*, b. Sept. 14, 1846, m. Charles H. Clark. *Mary Susan*, b. Jan. 15, 1852, d. May 6, 1875. *George Page*,⁸ b. Mar. 11, 1858. (See deacons.) Eleazer Page Davis⁷ was the fifth of the name in five consecutive generations. He was a successful school-master in his early life. He introduced the first black-board used in the schools of this town. He was prominent in town affairs. The last three daughters were teachers. **Benjamin Josiah Davis⁹ is the owner of the homestead. He is a prosperous farmer, and one who has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen. **Samuel Davis**⁷ bears the name of the first of the family who settled in the part of Concord now included in Bedford. By industry and frugality he accumulated property with which he benefits others. He contributed the entire pulpit furniture of the church where he worships, as a memorial of his parents, brothers, and sisters.**

Daniel,³ 3d son of Samuel and Mary, was an incorporator of the town and a founder of the church. He m. Mary Hubbard of Concord, and d. Feb. 11, 1741. She m. 2d, Staples of Mendon, and d. Feb. 2, 1769. They had 12 ch. two of whom, Daniel⁴ and Josiah,⁵ settled in Bedford.

Stephen,³ son of Samuel and Mary, was a petitioner for the new town and a founder of the church. He m. Elizabeth Fletcher, and d. July 11, 1738. Six ch. d. in infancy. *Elizabeth*,⁴ b. Jan. 11, 1714, m. June 27, 1732, James Hosmer of Concord.

Josiah,⁴ son of Daniel and Mary (Hubbard), m. Elizabeth Raymond. She d. Jan. 15, 1763. They had 9 ch. of whom Paul⁵ d. in the war of 1763. (See epitaph.) (For *Josiah*,⁵ b. 1737, m. Mary Woolley, see Homesteads.)

Daniel,⁴ son of Daniel³ and Mary, m. May 1, 1706, Susanna Lane. He d. and she m. Nov. 23, 1790, Ebenezer Richardson of Billerica for his sixth wife. Ch. Susanna, b. Nov. 6, 1767, m. Josiah Hill. Other ch. b. at Harvard were *Sally*, m. Brooks of Lincoln. *Lydia*, m. Nehemiah Flint of Concord. *Lorahannah*, m. John Hill of Billerica.

Stephen,⁴ son of Stephen and Elizabeth Fletcher, was a land surveyor of skill; his plan of the Lane share of Winthrop farm, made in 1763, is still of value. He was a deacon of the church from 1760 till death. He m. Elizabeth Brown, who d. 1789. He d. 1782. Ch. *h* **Thaddeus**,⁵ b. Feb. 8, 1754. *Lydia*, b. April 17, 1756. *Dorcas*, b. Oct. 21, 1758. *Hannah*, b. June 5, 1761. *John*, b. June 7, 1769.

Thaddeus,⁵ was in the Revolutionary War from Bedford, later a deacon of Baptist church of Woburn. He m. 1779, Sarah Stearns, who d. Mar. 26, 1807. Ch. *Sally*, b. July 22, 1780. *h* **Thaddeus**,⁶ b. Jan. 3, 1782. *Betsey*, b. Dec. 30, 1783. *Stephen*,⁶ b. July 20, 1787. *Polly*, b. April 2, 1789.

Nancy, b. May 28, 1791. *Isaac Stearns*,⁶ b. Nov. 20, 1794, d. Nov. 8, 1817, at New Orleans. *Suber*, b. Sept. 18, 1795, m. Capt. John Tidd, d. Aug. 26, 1822.

Thaddeus,⁶ m. 1805, Sally Gilson, who d. May 10, 1855; He d. June 21, 1866. Ch. *h Thaddeus H.* b. Mar. 8, 1806. *Samuel G.* b. Feb. 17, 1808, d. Dec. 2, 1881. *Warren*,⁷ b. May 5, 1810. *George*,⁷ b. Aug. 11, 1812. *Sarah S.* b. Jan. 17, 1815, m. J. M. Burroughs, d. Aug. 22, 1831. *Mary*, b. June 13, 1817, m. Gardner French. *Isaac S.* b. Mar. 20, 1821. *Susan*, b. April 4, 1823, m. Josiah Kingman, d. Aug. 19, 1852.

Thaddeus H. was deacon of Church of Christ of Bedford, often in town office. He m. May 4, 1837, Almira Stearns, who d. 1882. He d. 1885. Ch. *Sarah A.* b. April, 1838, m. Charles Webber. *h George Thaddeus*,⁸ b. July 29, 1840. *Samuel H.* d. young. *h Frederick*,⁸ b. Mar. 29, 1845. *Mary L.* b. Feb. 18, 1848.

George Thaddeus,⁸ settled in the South after the Civil War, where he is a man of wealth and influence. He m. Jan. 18, 1872, Abbie Simonds of Lexington, who d. Mar. 1886. Ch. *Edith May*, b. 1873. *Herbert Thaddeus*,⁹ b. 1876 (the fifth generation of Thaddeus). *Annie Maud*, b. 1880.

Frederick,⁸ settled on the homestead. He was in the Civil War, q. v. He m. Nov. 19, 1868, Mary Etta, dau. of John T. Boynton and Mary Adams.

Fairfield R. b. in Nashua, N.H., 1830, settled in Bedford 1864; a town officer; m. 1854 Caroline E. Lane, d. June 30, 1867. Ch. *Ada C.* b. Feb. 5, 1858, m. Rufus E. Bellows of Dorchester. *Walter*, b. 1861, d. 1863. *George W.* b. Dec. 6, 1866, m. Emily L. Bellows of Dorchester.

DEAN, Benjamin, m. June 11, 1707, Sarah Colburn. Ch. *Elizabeth*, b. 1708, m. John Moore, d. 1732.

Thomas, m. Feb. 9, 1697, Susan Davis of Boston. He d. Mar. 3, 1745; she d. 1765. He was a petitioner for the incorporation, lived on the high land east of Cedar Swamp, and gave a three-acre lot "for the encouragement of the Gospel," upon which it is thought the first meeting-house was built. Mrs. Susanna Dean, widow of Thomas, bequeathed £7 6s. 8d. "lawful money" to the church to purchase a silver cup; to Rev. Nicholas Bowes, £10; to John Moore her "meeting-house pue;" gun to John Dinsmore of Hollis, N.H. John and Joseph Moore had residue of estate.

DESMAZES, John Baptist, an olive merchant of Bordeaux, France, had son *John*, who came to this country about 1775, m. Lucy Fletcher Amory of Boston, had John, b. April 17, 1794 (in the 1812 war), m. Oct. 8, 1815, Nancy Dale of Andover. They had 9 ch. of whom Henry, b. Feb. 9, 1832, settled in Bedford in 1866. William settled in New York.

DURRANT, or DUREN. The name was prominent in town during the Revolution and later. They were from Billerica. John¹ was there in 1639.

Jonas,⁴ m. Dec. 17, 1776, Esther Jones of Bedford. Ch. *Abraham*,⁵ b. July 15, 1778. *Anna*, b. Oct. 7, 1781.

Reuben,⁴ m. Jan. 11, 1770, Mary Gould of Chelmsford. He d. Jan. 4, 1821; she d. Oct. 16, 1823. Ch. *Eli*,⁵ d. an infant. *Mary*, b. Dec. 7, 1771, m. Stephen Parker. *Reuben*,⁵ b. Aug. 14, 1775, m. Sarah Conant of Concord. *Asa*,⁵ b. May 11, 1778, m. Hannah Russ. *Joel*,⁵ b. June 22, 1780, m. Lydia Conant of Concord. *Nathaniel Gould*,⁵ b. Nov. 26,

1781. He took his mother's name, lived with an uncle in New Ipswich, N.H., became a famous penman and music teacher. He was the first teacher of singing in juvenile schools. *Joseph*,⁵ b. July 30, 1784, m. Lucinda Clark, was a pensioner for service in 1812 war. *Elnathan*,⁵ b. Oct. 8, 1786, m. Dec. 10, 1811, Elizabeth Freeman, had sons Charles and Elnathan Freeman. Reuben Duren⁵ was an architect and builder. He built some of the first-class dwelling-houses of the town, of which Col. Timothy Jones⁵ and Rev. Mr. Penniman's mansions were specimens. He lived in this town until 1792, when he purchased a tavern in Billerica, which he kept until he removed to N.H. In the history of New Ipswich he is noticed as a resolute and enterprising man, and was distinguished as a builder of meeting-houses. He received a premium for a model for a bridge over Merrimac River at Pawtucket Falls against many competitors.

DUTTON. Several of the name have lived in this town at different periods of its history.

Samuel, m. Aug. 10, 1740, Martha, dau. of James Lane³ and Martha Minot. Ch. *Pattie*, b. April 10, 1742, m. Dec. 13, 1764, David Pollard. *Samuel*, b. July 11, 1743. *Hannah*, b. April 21, 1745. *Seth*, b. April 9, 1747.

Samuel, third generation of the Christian name, from Ashby, m. Nov. 28, 1805, Anna, dau. of Solomon Lane.³ Ch. *Samuel Stearns*, *Solomon Lane*, *Laura Ann*, m. Varnum Spaulding.

George, son of Samuel of Ashby, b. June 11, 1804 (one of fourteen children), m. Nov. 27, 1828, Lydia P. Jaquith of Billerica. He d. July 12, 1867. Ch. *Lydia Ann*, b. Oct. 20, 1829, m. Joseph Foster; 2d. Daniel Giles; d. Aug. 17, 1882. *Mary Jane*, b. June 1, 1831, m. John E. Hill. *Erny Morna*, b. Oct. 13, 1832, d. July 3, 1849. *Susan L.* b. Mar. 29, 1835, m. Aug. 10, 1858, John F. Blinn. *Louisa C.* b. Nov. 22, 1841, m. 1st. Aug. 2, 1863, Elbridge Chailles; 2d. Mar. 8, 1883, George Burgess. *Livy A.* b. Sept. 28, 1843, m. Charles L. Flint. *P. Estelle*, b. Dec. 23, 1747, d. June 15, 1859.

Hiram L. son of Hildreth Dutton and — Putnam, and grandson of William from England and Susanna Reed of Westford, b. April 11, 1815, m. April 4, 1843, Ellen Towne of Salem, and settled in Bedford (see Homesteads). Ch. *Albert L.* b. Nov. 24, 1844. *h George H.* b. Mar. 26, 1846. *Ellen F.* b. April 20, 1847, d. Nov. 15, 1847. *Lina*, b. Dec. 4, 1848. *H. Edward*, b. Jan. 11, 1851. *William F.* b. June 20, 1853, d. Mar. 5, 1854. *C. Warren*, b. Mar. 20, 1855, d. July 16, 1869. *Hattie E.* b. Aug. 18, 1858. *Ellis F.* b. July 23, 1862.

George H. m. Oct. 9, 1870, Harriet Hartwell. She d. April 20, 1883. Ch. *Warren Hartwell*, b. Aug. 28, 1871. *Herbert Page*, b. Oct. 16, 1875. *Mary F.* b. Mar. 11, 1877. *Henry Taylor*, b. May 4, 1880. *Isabel Thompson*, b. July 19, 1882.

EVERETT, William, a chaise trimmer and harness-maker, settled here about 1820, memorial seen in meeting-house gift of granddaughter. He m. Anna C. Dickson, who d. Feb. 26, 1830; 2d. Eliza A. Lane. He d. July 4, 1868; she d. Jan. 28, 1873. Ch. *William D.* m. Mary Clark, d. June 6, 1853. His ch. were Annie E. m. J. E. Maynard. Marion D. m. Samuel G. Carter, d. Oct. 27, 1884.

FASSETT. A numerous family here in the early years. Name is extinct. They were of Scotch origin, and their blood still courses in the Page, Lane, and Webber families.

In the South tax list of 1748 are the names of Peter, John, and Benjamin; and in the North list is Josiah's.

John, m. Mar. 31, 1697, Mary Hill of Billerica. He d. Jan. 30, 1736; she d. May 19, 1749. (See Town Officers and Physicians). Samuel, brother of John, was first town treas. of Westford, where he settled, m. Lydia Parker, and had a large family.

Josiah, Capt. m. Joanna Page, d. Feb. 18, 1740. Ch. *Susanna*, m. Job Lane.⁴ *Asa*, m. Nov. 9, 1777, Margaret (Wellington) widow of Timothy Page. Ch. were Josiah, d. young, Timothy, Amos, Benjamin.

FITCH, Zachariah,¹ had forty acres of land set to him among the inhabitants of Lynn in 1638, when he was made a freeman. He removed to Lynn village (South Reading) in 1644. There were two others of the surname at about that time, Jeremy and Henry. They were all farmers. Zachariah was a deacon of the church in Reading. His residence was on "Fitch Hill." In a centennial poem by Eaton written in 1844 is the following:—

"I further looked, and on the hill,
Where now the heirs of John Gould dwell,
Upon the western slope or pitch,
There lived old Zachariah Fitch.
His name he gave to hill and lane,
A name they both as yet retain."

He d. June 9, 1662. In his will, dated May 3 of that year, he mentions wife Mary, sons Joseph, Benjamin, John, Jeremiah, Thomas, Samuel, and daughter Sarah, who m. John Wesson of Salem. Benjamin was executor. He requested in his will that Joseph and Benjamin should assist Samuel (then under age, 18 yrs.) "to build a house on his lot on Bear Hill, 27 by 18 feet with 12-foot posts, and to clap-board and board it, and break up his land or so much of it as can be done by the time he becomes 22 years of age." His estate was appraised £431 7s. 6d.

Samuel² (youngest son of Zachariah and Mary), b. Mar. 6, 1645, m. April 23, 1673, Sarah, dau. of Job Lane. She d. Oct. 2, 1679. He m. 2d. July 26, 1681, Rebecca Merriam. He d. 1684, leaving h. *Samuel*,³ b. May 4, 1674, to whom he gave by will real estate, and "on cow, the feather-bed that was his mother's, and the green rug and on pair of Holland sheets and three of the biggest peuter platters." "I do leave as my will, if my brother Avery (Robert) doth (exhort?) to take my son Samuel and to teach him to wright and the trade of a smith, my will is that he shall live with him till 20 years old." Estate appraisal was £235 11s.

Samuel,³ m. Mar. 20, 1695, Elizabeth Walker, dau. of Joseph. She d. Nov. 26, 1716. He m. 2d. Eunice Taylor. He d. April 4, 1742; she d. Aug. 27, 1767, aged 91. Ch. *Sarah*, b. and d. 1696. *Sarah*, b. May 4, 1698, m. Richard Hixon. *Samuel*,⁴ b. Feb. 14, 1699, m. 1732, Joanna Kidder, settled in Westford, d. Jan. 1775. h. *Joseph*,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1702. h. *Benjamin*,⁴ b. July 30, 1703. *John*,⁴ b. Feb. 12, 1707–8, settled in Lunenburg 1728, and doubtless the one for whom Fitchburg was named. h. *Jeremiah*,⁴ b. (?). h. *Zachariah*,⁴ b. Feb. 13, 1712. By 2d wife, *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 22, 1718, m. Joseph Mead. For the homestead of Samuel Fitch³ see Brookside. His will dated Nov. 13, 1741, gives wife Eunice west end of dwelling-house and cellar, and corn, rye, beef, pork and necessities, to be provided by son Jeremiah, who was to have all at his mother's decease, excepting legacies to other ch.

Joseph,⁴ Capt. see William W. Farrell Homestead), m. Jan. 31, 1731, Sarah Grimes of Lexington (first marriage

recorded in Bedford). She d. Jan. 22, 1750. He m. 2d, Mrs. Rachel Convers, widow of Joseph. He d. Feb. 7, 1769, and she m. John Page. Ch. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 25, 1732, bap. with her father, April 30, 1732, m. 1750, Josiah Crosby, settled in Amherst, now Milford, N.H., in 1753, on the Souhegan river. They were pioneers in the wilderness, where they founded a noted family. *Molly*, b. Oct. 16, 1737, m. Jonathan Blodgett. *Susannah*, b. July 26, 1743, m. Josiah Munroe. *Joseph*,⁵ b. Oct. 2, 1746, settled at No. 2, N.H., conveyed estate in 1769 to Joseph Converse, q. v. By 2d wife, *h. Thaddens*,⁵ b. March 23, 1755.

Benjamin⁴ (son of Samuel³) bought the Bacon mill on the Shawshine, q. v., m. Feb. 28, 1732, Miriam Gray of Andover, and d. July 7, 1770. Ch. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 10, 1733, m. Aug. 1, 1751, David Tarbell. *Miriam*, b. Jan. 23, 1734–5, m. Sept. 11, 1773, Timothy Jaquith. *Benjamin*,⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1736–7. *Louis*, b. Oct. 31, 1740, m. Nov. 21, 1776, Edward Powers. h. *David*,⁵ b. May 22, 1743. *Lydia*, d. young. *Eunice*, b. July 26, 1747, m. Daniel McNickle. *Nathan*,⁵ d. young. *Isaac*,⁵ b. May 18, 1752 (see epitaph). *Nathan*, b. May 13, 1755.

Jeremiah⁴ (son of Samuel³), m. Feb. 3, 1735–6, Elizabeth, dau. of Col. John and Catherine Lane. Ch. *Samuel*,⁵ b. Nov. 9, 1736. *Elizabeth*, d. young. h. *Jeremiah*,⁵ b. Sept. 25, 1742. *John* and *Matthew*, twins, b. Aug. 14, 1745. *John* d. May 31, 1820; *Matthew* m. Aug. 23, 1774, Lydia Lane, and d. Aug. 3, 1811. *Joanna*, b. Feb. 29, 1747–8, m. Benjamin Tidd of Lexington. *Pattie*, b. July 14, 1750. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 7, 1752, d. Mar. 1, 1825. h. *Moses*,⁵ b. Mar. 3, 1755. All of the sons of Jeremiah⁴, excepting Samuel, are recorded as in the war of the Revolution.

Zachariah,⁴ m. Oct. 1, 1733, Elizabeth Grimes of Lexington; she d. Mar. 12, 1790. Ch. *Zachariah*,⁵ b. April 1, 1734, m. Rebekah Davis, settled in Groton. *William*,⁵ b. Feb. 19, 1735–6, killed in the French War. *Elizabeth*, b. Jan. 6, 1738–9, m. Samuel Lane. *Jonas*,⁵ b. Feb. 5, 1740–1, settled in Groton. He was a man of great mechanical genius, especially in the art of clock making; all movements of his clocks were made by his hands. The timepieces are still owned in Pepperell and Groton. A grandson and namesake inherited his mechanical aptitude. Masonic Temple, Fitchburg depot, and City Hall, in Boston, are monuments of his skill. *Ebenezer*, *Ether*, and *Lucy* d. young. *Ether*, b. Oct. 13, 1749, m. Nehemiah Lawrence. *Ebenezer*,⁵ b. Aug. 5, 1751, was a Minute Man; removed to Rindge, N.H., in 1779; was duly "warned out," but settled and became prominent. *Lucy*, b. July 6, 1753, m. Joseph Hill of Billerica. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 2, 1755. *Phoebe*, b. Nov. 25, 1756, m. April 1, 1784, John Sprague. (See Homesteads.) *Allen*, b. Nov. 10, 1759, m. Henry Woods, Jr. *David*,⁵ b. Feb. 21, 1764, d. Oct. 12, 1843.

Thaddens,⁵ a Revolutionary pensioner, son of Joseph⁴ and Mrs. Rachel Converse, m. Sept. 14, 1779, Mary, dau. of John Moore, Jr. and Mary Wheeler. Ch. *Mary*, b. Dec. 29, 1779, m. Oliver Reed. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 22, 1781. *Joseph*,⁶ b. July 10, 1797, d. Dec. 30, 1830.

David,⁵ son of Benjamin⁴, inherited the homestead and mill from his father. He m. April 3, 1770, Mary Fowie of Woburn. He d. July 27, 1813; she d. Sept. 19, 1829. Ch. *Polly*, b. Oct. 23, 1770, m. Benjamin Wheeler of Concord, N.H. *Lydia*, b. Dec. 7, 1772, m. Nathaniel Page. h. *David*,⁶ b. June 28, 1777. *Isaac*,⁶ (See epitaph.)

Jeremiah,⁵ son of Jeremiah⁴, m. April 19, 1770, Lydia Smith of Waltham. He d. Dec. 29, 1808; she d. Sept. 10,

1823. Ch. *Alford* and two *Lydiads* d. young. *h Jeremiah*,⁵ b. May 14, 1778. *h Almon*,⁶ b. Aug. 8, 1780. *h Ar* ⁵ b. July 26, 1782. *John*,⁶ b. Feb. 6, 1783, d. Feb. 2, 1820. *h Alford*,⁵ b. Aug. 2, 1786. Jeremiah Fitch⁵ was sergeant in the company of militia of Bedford in 1775. (See Stone Croft Farm, Chap. XXXIV.)

Moses,⁵ son of Jeremiah,⁴ m. Nov. 14, 1782, Rachel, dau. of Edward and Lucy Stearns. He d. Oct. 12, 1825; she d. May 23, 1817. Ch. *Solomon*,⁶ b. Nov. 8, 1783, settled in Littleton, N.H., had large family. *Lucy*, b. July 17, 1785, m. John Page. *h Moses*,⁶ b. Mar. 28, 1787. *Elizabeth*,⁶ b. Jan. 10, 1790, settled in Boston. He d. Mar. 7, 1840, leaving a family. *Rachel*, b. Nov. 30, 1791, m. Joseph Brown. *h Joel*,⁶ b. June 12, 1794. *Nathan*, d. young. *Moses Fitch*⁵ was at Concord, entered the Continental army, was wounded at the battle of White Plains, N.Y., and was a pensioner. He was deacon from Jan. 10, 1805, till death. He, with son Joel and daughter Rachel (Fitch) Brown, are honored by a memorial window in the meeting-house of the Trinitarian Congregational society (a gift of their descendants).

*David*⁶ continued the family possession of the mill and homestead. He m. Nov. 12, 1799, Hannah Proctor, d. Dec. 22, 1803; 2d, Jan. 8, 1805, Olive Simonds, d. Sept. 20, 1858; 3d, Mrs. Susan Adams of Billerica. He d. May 24, 1860. Ch. *h David*,⁷ b. Feb. 20, 1802. *Hannah Proctor*, b. Dec. 10, 1803, m. Dr. Bela Gardner, q.v., d. Jan. 20, 1844. By 2d wife, *Mary Fowle*, d. an infant. *Mary Fowle*, b. May 29, 1807, m. Benjamin F. Hartwell. *h Abel*,⁷ b. April 25, 1809. *h Nathan*,⁷ b. Feb. 13, 1811. *Jonathan Simonds*,⁷ d. young. *Martha Simonds*, b. May 29, 1817, m. Nathan O. Reed. *Olive*, b. April 24, 1820, m. May 23, 1834, Robert A. Cook, d. May 29, 1891, at Sackville, N.B. *Isaac*⁷ and *Lucy*, twins, b. Dec. 23, 1824; Isaac d. Feb. 13, 1825; Lucy d. May 3, 1834. *Mary Fowle* (Fitch) Hartwell received from her father the homestead in the centre of the town, which she continued in the family possession by deed of gift to her daughter, Mary Alzina (Hartwell) Fletcher.

Jeremiah,⁸ m. May 10, 1804, Mary Rand of Chelmsford.* He d. July 10, 1840; she d. Mar. 3, 1840. Ch. two named *Caroline Matilda* d. young. *Caroline Matilda*, b. Sept. 1, 1808. *Jeremiah George*,⁸ b. Feb. 19, 1810, Harvard College 1831, d. Feb. 25, 1845. *Mary Rand*, b. Aug. 30, 1813, m. April 7, 1841. John Henry Jenks, d. June 13, 1881, had 6 children, four of whom survived her. The author is happy to insert here a biographical sketch prepared, at his request, by Rev. Henry Fitch Jenks.

Jeremiah Fitch, the eldest son of Jeremiah, Jr., and Lydia (Smith) Fitch, was born in Bedford, May 14, 1778. He received the common education of a country town. His father wished him to devote himself to farming, and as an inducement offered him the paternal farm; but, being of an enterprising spirit, and not having any inclination to agricultural pursuits, nor finding any other occupation which it was possible for him to follow in the town congenial, he left Bedford, at the age of fourteen, and came to Charlestown, with a capital of twenty cents, and, unaided by any one, set himself to procure employment.

He soon secured a situation with Mr. Samuel Ruggles,

* Mary Rand was born at Chelmsford, whither her mother had gone from Boston, owing to the excitement in the latter town when occupied by the British. Her physician was Dr. Danforth, and she was helped away by his son Tom, who was a Tory. She carried with her a trunk of gold. The sentinel opposed her going, but Danforth interferred in her behalf with seeming roughness of manner, and said, "Oh, let the old woman go!"

and from that time relieved his father from all pecuniary responsibility for his support. By diligent attention to business, he won the confidence of his employers, and gradually rose to higher positions.

After a time he removed from Charlestown to Boston. When he became of age he was assisted to begin business for himself, but by the failure of his patrons he was involved in embarrassments, from which it took him a long time to extricate himself. His conduct under these circumstances, however, won him friends, who offered him capital and assistance. The offers were accepted, and diligence and carefulness secured him success. Prosperity followed his efforts, and he accumulated what for those days was a respectable fortune.

He first began business under the firm name of Nolan & Fitch, in 1799. Later he continued as an importer of dry goods under his own name, or that of Jeremiah Fitch & Co. He first occupied in Boston, in 1802, what was then 27 Cornhill (now Washington Street); in 1819 he removed to 5 Market Street (now Cornhill), and later, in 1826, after the great fire, to 38 and 40 Central Street.

He was always esteemed for straightforwardness and integrity in his dealings. For nearly twenty years he was a director of the Union Bank and of the Mercantile Marine Insurance Company. For many years he was a member of the Board of Health, retiring in 1821 to become a member of the last Board of Selectmen of the town of Boston; in 1824 he was a member of the Common Council, and in 1825 an overseer of the poor of the City of Boston.

He was an attendant at the church in Brattle Square, under the ministrations of Mr. Buckminster, Mr. Palfrey, and Mr. Lathrop, and long a member of the standing committee. During his service the old cannon ball which struck the Church during the siege of Boston and then had done duty for many years as a weight on the front gate of a neighboring residence, was by his instrumentality imbedded in the front of the edifice, where it so long remained, an object of interest not merely to strangers visiting the city, but to many now living who can well remember it.

He was hospitable to a high degree. Retaining the old farm which had been his father's, he kept to the last his interest in his native town, and always welcomed to his city home his country friends and neighbors, and gladly did whatever he could for the benefit of the town. To the old church which he habitually attended he gave a clock and a pulpit Bible; and when the separation of the churches — which he greatly deplored — took place, he gave to the newly formed society, of which his old friend Rev. Samuel Stearns remained the minister, a piece of land on which to build the meeting-house.*

* Mr. Fitch's benevolence was not of the *post mortem* kind, but he freely and quietly gave of his accumulating wealth during his life, his donations being frequently made by the hand of his friend and early pastor, Rev. Samuel Stearns, with whom there was a mutual understanding. The pastor's notice was sufficient to bring relief in any case of need in the town. The spacious kitchen of the old Fitch Tavern was turned to a storehouse at the annual Thanksgiving season, and from it was dispensed that which brought cheer to many a widow's home. When driving to his native town, Mr. Fitch often dropped packages of books at the schoolhouse door, and each pupil had a share. Souvenirs of these days, when books were rare and costly, are carefully treasured in many of the old homes of the present. Adults were not infrequently remembered. The author's library contains a volume of the "Panoplist," the Trinitarian organ during the religious controversy, in which is the following, written on the fly-leaf: "Presented by Jeremiah Fitch, and distributed, with a few other volumes, at his request, by Rev. Samuel

The name of Pond Lane in Boston was changed to Bedford Street in compliment to him.

He was married in Boston, May 10, 1804, by Rev. William Emerson, pastor of First Church, to Mary, daughter of Robert Rand of Boston, and took up his residence in Hanover Street. Subsequently he lived in Cornhill (Washington Street), Portland Street, and Hamilton Place.

Mrs. Fitch was born Dec. 14, 1776, and died March 3, 1840, four months previous to his decease, which occurred at his residence, 1 Hamilton place, July 10, 1840. They were both buried nearly opposite their old residence in a tomb in the Granary Burying Ground.

Almon,⁶ son of Jeremiah,⁵ m. Mar. 28, 1814, Martha Wood. He d. Nov. 23, 1820; she d. May 27, 1873. Ch. *Lydya S.* b. May 14, 1815, m. Joseph Skinner, d. Nov. 3, 1857. *Albert*,⁷ b. Feb. 14, 1817, lives in Lexington.

Alford,⁶ son of Jeremiah,⁵ m. June 4, 1818, Sally Reed. She d. Aug. 23, 1820; he d. June 22, 1852. Ch. *Sally Reed*, b. Feb. 19, 1820.

Amos,⁶ son of Jeremiah,⁵ m. April 7, 1813, Martha Starr of Roxbury, d. Dec. 14, 1826. Ch. *Martha L.* b. Feb. 5, 1814, m. Joseph W. Page. *John A.* d. in infancy. *John A.* b. Jan. 10, 1817.

Moses,⁶ son of Moses,⁵ m. Dec. 6, 1810, Polly Brown, d. Aug. 1, 1824. She m. 2d — Brown, and settled in Michigan, d. about 1886. Ch. *John Moses*,⁶ b. July 8, 1811, m. Catherine Bacon, settled in Michigan and became prominent.

Joel,⁶ son of Moses,⁵ m. Feb. 18, 1819, Susanna Hill. He d. Aug. 4, 1845; she d. Oct. 21, 1882. Ch. three d. young. *Susanna*, b. Feb. 8, 1827, grad. at Mt. Holyoke Sem. 1847, m. Joseph G. Marchant of Illinois, has a large family. *Rachel Ann*, b. Aug. 14, 1829, grad. at Mt. Holyoke Sem. 1849, m. David G. Rabb of Indiana, has a large family. *Moses Josiah*,⁷ b. Aug. 24, 1834, studied at Lawrence Acad. Groton, m. Carrie E. Starr, settled in Chicago, Ill.; is the founder of the Fitch Paper Co., deacon of a church, and a man of wealth and influence. *Delia Adelaide*, b. May 17, 1840, d. Oct. 24, 1846. Joel Fitch⁶ settled on the homestead, and later moved to the village and engaged in mercantile business, which he followed till death. He was a deacon of the Church of Christ from 1835 till death, a justice of the peace, and a man of prominence.

David,⁷ son of David,⁶ m. Mar. 31, 1825, Betsey Buttrick. He d. May 19, 1851; she d. Oct. 1, 1889. Ch. *Betty*, b. June 26, 1826, m. Lorenzo Poor of Derry, N.H. *Emily*, b. Dec. 26, 1827, m. Henry F. Marshall of Peiham, N.H. *David*,⁸ b. Mar. 3, 1832, m. Sarah Williams of Lexington, has 4 ch. *Ann*, b. Sept. 15, 1834, m. William S. Jordan of Woburn. *John*,⁸ b. June 17, 1836, d. Sept. 4, 1855. *Sarah*, b. July 6, 1838, d. April 9, 1855. *Abel*,⁸ b. May 10, 1840, m. Mrs. Thompson of Cambridge. *Albert*,⁸ b. Nov. 18, 1842, was killed at battle of Chancellorsville in the Civil War in 1863. *Helen*, b. Mar. 29, 1846, d.

Stearns." Early in this century there was but one newspaper subscribed for in the town, yet many homes were supplied with the current news by Mr. Fitch.

Miss Caroline M. Fitch possesses many of the commendable traits of character of her father. The same unostentatious benevolence has characterized her life. Early inventions for the relief of the bed-ridden were furnished by her, books were freely dispensed, and the Public Library is now a channel through which she scatters blessings to all ages. At the organization of the High School, in 1845, she gave one hundred volumes as a nucleus for a school library.

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Abel,⁷ son of David,⁶ m. Oct. 6, 1835, Nancy Bacon, d. Oct. 16, 1839. She m. 2d Nathan O. Reed. Ch. *Nancy Jane*, b. Aug. 16, 1836, m. Joseph B. Lawrence. *Abel Porter*,⁸ b. Sept. 17, 1837. *Henry Braniard*, b. and d. 1839.

Nathan,⁷ son of David,⁶ was the fourth and last generation of the family to follow the business of a miller, m. Sept. 9, 1834, Louisa Burnham. He d. Mar. 21, 1880; she d. May 30, 1889. Ch. *Nathan Andrew*,⁸ b. Sept. 9, 1835. *Isaac Emerson*,⁸ b. Nov. 30, 1836. *Benjamin*,⁸ b. Sept. 30, 1838. *Ellis*,⁸ b. Aug. 1, 1840. *Alamanzo*,⁸ b. Mar. 12, 1843. *Marshall*, b. Dec. 16, 1844, d. April 28, 1845. *Martha*, b. Oct. 28, 1846, m. Henry Davis of Somerville. *Oliver M.* b. Oct. 2, 1848, m. George A. Hartwell. *David L. B.* b. Oct. 17, 1851. *Franklin P.*,⁸ b. Oct. 1855.

Nathan Andrew,⁸ m. 1859, Calista Tarbell of Rindge, N.H. Ch. *Nellie Louisa*, b. Dec. 23, 1860, m. 1882, Silas B. Fales. *Henry Warren*,⁹ b. Jan. 25, 1866, m. 1890, Fontinelle A. Wilbur. *Lucy Beatrice*, b. April 16, 1876. Nathan A. Fitch⁷ left his native town at the age of sixteen years, and engaged in the provision business in the city of Boston, which he still follows. His only advantages for early education were such as could be obtained at the district schools. In 1858 he became associated with the Baptist Bethel, devoted to the interests of seamen. He has been superintendent of the Sabbath school connected with that church thirty years, and a faithful friend of the sailors. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen of Somerville in 1883-4, and is prominent in the fraternities of Free Masons and Odd Fellows. He has followed the injunction, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and been abundantly prospered.

Isaac Emerson,⁸ son of Nathan,⁷ a carpenter, m. Mar. 27, 1861, Sarah C. Pearson. Ch. *Betty Ida*, b. Nov. 16, 1863, m. Clinton De Witt Fox. *Florence*, b. 1869.

Benjamin,⁸ a merchant in Boston, m. Martha S. Goodwin of Milton, N.H.; 2d, Elizabeth W. Shute of Boston. Ch. *Mary Alice*,⁹ *Louis B.* b. 1868, d. 1875. *Nathan Goodwin*,⁹ *Albert M.* b. 1874, d. 1876. *Arthur S.*⁹

Silas,⁸ m. Julia H. Rollins of Concord, N.H. Ch. *Nellie*. **Alamanzo**,⁸ a merchant, m. Annie M. Steinhilber. Ch. *Mertie S.* m. William H. Dowd. *Wallace A.*⁹ *Willie B.*⁹

David I. B.,⁸ son of Nathan,⁷ a farmer, m. May 23, 1877, Lizzie Crother. Ch. *David W.*⁹ b. Sept. 18, 1878. *Edward B.*⁹ b. May 8, 1880. *Walter F.*⁹ b. June 7, 1887.

Franklin P.,⁸ son of Nathan,⁷ a farmer at the mill homestead, m. June 22, 1879, Mary E. Hensley. Ch. *Franklin P.*⁹ b. and d. 1880. *Nathan H.*⁹ b. May 26, 1881. *George A.*⁹ b. April 15, 1884.

Abel Porter,⁸ son of Abel,⁷ m. Mar. 30, 1865, Ellen A. Davis. Ch. *Winifred Porter*,⁹ b. Aug. 3, 1870, was one of the first class that graduated from Bedford High School. *Alice Maria*, b. Jan. 5, 1872. *Horace Wilbur*,⁹ b. and d. 1874.

(For French, see Homesteads.)

FLINT. The name has never been common in Bedford. Those who have settled here, as far as known, descended from Hon. Thomas, who came to Concord, in 1638, from Matlock, Derbyshire, Eng. "He brought with him £4,000 sterling. He possessed wealth, talents, and a Christian character. He represented the town four years, from 1638 to 1641, and was an assistant eleven years, 1642 to 1653. In 1650 he was allowed to perform the marriage service in the towns of Concord and Sudbury. He accom-

panied the Apostle Eliot in his visits to the Indian settlements on the Merrimac River and vicinity. He settled in Concord about half a mile north of the Old North Bridge. The house was built very near the Concord River, on a slight rise of land. It is said that he selected the spot because of its resemblance to the location which he left in England, near the Darwent River." He d. Oct. 8, 1653, aged 50 years. His will is the first recorded in Middlesex County Probate Records.

Abel and Edward, probably of the sixth generation, were attracted to Bedford by the shoe business. Abel m. Susan Howers. He d. 1863; she d. 1887. Ch. *Charles Lucius*, b. Aug. 5, 1832, m. Aug. 3, 1863, Lucy A. Dutton. **Edward** m. 1831, Sarah Bacon. He d. Mar. 14, 1873; she d. Sept. 13, 1873. Ch. *Sarah Caroline*, b. Mar. 16, 1833, m. L. P. Libby, d. Aug. 25, 1868, had son Frank P.

Sarah J. b. in Shrewsbury, Aug. 14, 1848, is of the seventh generation. The line is Thomas, John, Thomas, John, Joel, Henry Harrison, Sarah J. She came to Bedford in 1872, as a teacher in the grammar school, m. Oct. 11, 1877, Abram English Brown.

Rev. Franklin C. of the seventh generation, brother of the above, d. at Shrewsbury, Mar. 23, 1876, leaving family genealogy in process of completion. His three daughters were later associated with this town. They are Cyrene Louise, a teacher, who prepared the pen sketches for this volume, Genevieve Sarah, a teacher, and Marion Lenore.

FROST, William F. son of Benjamin, b. July 20, 1818, is of the fifth generation from James of Billerica (who was b. 1640), m. Rebecca Cutler. She d. April 30, 1864. He m. 2d, Angie P. Watts, and d. May 25, 1886. Had 4 ch. 3 are living, *William F., Lucy J. and Frank*.

GILLOOLY, Bryan, settled on Reuben Bacon homestead in 1878, m. at Boston, Oct. 19, 1852, Margaret Doyel. She d. Feb. 3, 1889. Ch. *Mary*, b. July 19, 1853, m. Nov. 24, 1882, William McLaughlin, d. Nov. 17, 1884. *Lizzie*, b. Dec. 1, 1854. *John*, b. June 9, 1856, m. Nov. 1, 1886, Nellie Vaughan. Ch. Bernard Vaughan and John Arthur. *Peter T.* b. Jan. 19, 1858, m. June 22, 1887, Nellie Gilbert. *James H.* b. Nov. 10, 1859. *Katie F.* b. Feb. 12, 1862, m. July 3, 1881, Denis Whalen. *Margaret Anne*, b. Nov. 17, 1863, m. Nov. 17, 1886, Oscar Needham. *Nellie A.* b. Oct. 12, 1865. *Susan Alice*, b. July 30, 1868. *Clara*, b. Jan. 29, 1871. *Agnes B.* b. June 25, 1874, d. Nov. 29, 1874.

GLEASON, Jonas, was an early proprietor of the Vine Brook Mill. He m. Ruth Wilson, who d. April, 1793; m. 2d, Abigail Danforth, who d. Sept. 1815. He d. Feb. 1815. They had 7 ch.

The founder of the present Gleason family was Lewis Putnam. He was a representative of the fourth generation in the country. The first is not known, the second was Elisha, and the third John Augustus, b. at Pomfret, Conn., June 24, 1770.

John Augustus,² m. May 12, 1799, Elizabeth Waldo, dau. of Samuel Waldo and Molly, dau. of Gen. Israel Putnam ("Old Put.") He d. July 11, 1842; she d. July 14, 1846. Ch. *h Lewis Putnam*,³ b. at Pomfret, Conn. Feb. 28, 1800. *Caroline*, b. Feb. 5, 1804, m. Daniel Clark of Ailing-ton. *Mary Waldo*,⁴ b. Aug. 15, 1807, m. William Webber. *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 22, 1810, m. David Clark of Arlington.

Lewis Putnam,⁴ m. Mar. 3, 1826, Sophronia Butler who d. Jan. 6, 1827; m. 2d, Oct. 2, 1827, Lucy Butler, who d. Oct. 30, 1846; m. 3d, Oct. 20, 1847, Susan Davis. He d.

Jan. 22, 1885. Ch. *Caroline*, b. and d. 1827. *h Henry Augustus*,⁵ b. Jan. 6, 1829. *h Charles Edwin*,⁶ b. April 18, 1830. *Caroline Maria*, b. June 10, 1832, d. Jan. 27, 1833. *Elizabeth Frances* and *h John Francis*,⁵ twins, b. May 23, 1835; Elizabeth m. Marcus B. Webber. *Lewis Putnam*,⁵ and *Afred Waldo*,⁶ d. young. *Lewis Putnam*,⁶ b. June 1, 1839, d. July 27, 1872. *Lucy Caroline*, d. young.

Lewis Putnam Gleason⁴ early learned the trade of a shoemaker. At the age of twenty-one years he set out from his home on foot, carrying his possessions with him, intending to walk to the state of Maine to pay a visit to his Grandmother Waldo. On reaching Bedford he found employment at his trade, and entered the service of Benjamin Simonds, an extensive shoe manufacturer. In this brave and resolute young man family history seems to repeat itself. He started from the same point and followed the same route, as far as Concord, that his great-grandfather, Israel Putnam, had travelled forty-six years before, when his military spirit, aroused by the news of the attack by the British at Lexington and Concord, led him to mount his horse and gallop to the relief of the Provincials. The manner in which this young man grappled with the stern realities of life was befitting a descendant of that gallant general and leader in the Continental army. He followed the business of a shoemaker until his death. A window to his memory is seen in the meeting-house where he worshipped.

Henry Augustus,⁵ son of Lewis P., shoemaker, deacon of Woburn church and later of Bedford church, m. Mar. 11, 1832, Sarah A. Webber. She d. Dec. 23, 1876. Ch. *h Frank Waldo*,⁶ b. Mar. 25, 1833, m. June 3, 1855, Mary Isabel Wood of Worcester; have Jennie Frances, b. Dec. 7, 1886. Waldo Wood; b. June 8, 1890. *Afred Webber*,⁶ b. Nov. 30, 1836, m. Oct. 19, 1887, Nelly G. Bonney. *Mary Wilder*, b. Jan. 25, 1837, m. June 1, 1881, Edward G. Pierce. *Herbert Lewis*,⁶ b. Sept. 15, 1861. *Henry Walter*,⁶ b. Jan. 29, 1866, m. Sept. 25, 1886, Eda M. Titus; ch. Harold A. b. June 25, 1887, and Raymond C. b. July 6, 1891. *Hermon Price*,⁶ b. Jan. 9, 1871.

Charles Edwin,⁵ son of Lewis P.,⁴ deacon of Medford church, m. April 12, 1860, Caroline F. Munroe. Ch. *Charles Munroe*,⁶ b. April 22, 1861, m. Dec. 15, 1886, Mary E. Withington of Medford; have Marie Withington, b. July 5, 1890. *Alice Stearns*, b. Sept. 11, 1863. *Edith Clifford*, b. Nov. 1, 1867. *Carrie Lillian*, b. Feb. 10, 1880.

John Francis,⁵ son of Lewis P.,⁴ m. Sept. 18, 1861, Olive M. Jeffords. Ch. *Edwin Putnam*,⁶ b. May 3, 1866.

John Francis Gleason⁵ followed the business of a shoemaker when young. He early manifested a literary taste, which was gratified as fast as personal effort would admit. He taught school during his preparation for Amherst College, where he took a partial course. He left college, and entered the Union army; was later employed in the Treasury department at Washington, in which city he pursued the study of theology. He was settled as pastor at Williamsburg, Mass. It was during his pastorate in that town that the Mill River disaster occurred, in which one hundred and twenty of his parish were lost, and he with his family had a narrow escape. He was later pastor at Norfolk, Conn., and Needham, Mass.

GOODWIN, Uriah,¹ (generation uncertain), m. Mary Cummings. Ch. *h Uriah*,² b. June 9, 1789. *Mary*, b. June 26, 1791, m. John B. Wilson. *Timothy*,² b. Aug. 3, 1793. *Susan*, b. Aug. 18, 1796, m. Daniel Butters, d. Sept. 29,

1848. *Thos.* 2^d b. Aug. 5, 1798, d. Feb. 23, 1832. *Sally*, b. June 7, 1800, d. Feb. 23, 1843. *Anna*, b. Dec. 10, 1803, m. Benjamin Russell. *Stephen*, 2^d b. April 17, 1806, d. July 1, 1863.

Uriah, 2^d m. April 1, 1813, Nancy Hood of Amherst, N.H. He d. Mar. 19, 1839; she d. Mar. 11, 1860. Ch. *h William*, 3^d b. May 7, 1814. *h Henry*, 3^d b. Jan. 19, 1816. *Thomas*, 2^d b. June 30, 1818. *h Joseph H.* 3^d b. Feb. 6, 1820.

William, 1st m. May 26, 1836. Eliza J. Cutler of Burlington. He d. July 29, 1872. Ch. *William E.* 4^d d. in infancy. *William N.* 4^d d. in infancy. *Ann Eliza*, b. 1840. *William W.* 4^d b. 1846. *Herbert N.* 4^d young.

Henry, 2^d m. Sept. 20, 1833, Sarah E. Lane. He d. Dec. 27, 1883; she d. Dec. 2, 1890. Ch. *h Henry Oliver*, 3^d b. June 23, 1839. *Frank W.* 3^d b. July 4, 1841, m. Dec. 26, 1868, Sarah E. Roberts, who d. April 24, 1890. He is a merchant in New York City, and a generous friend of his native town. *Charles W.* 3^d b. Sept. 4, 1843. (See Gen. History, p. 70.) *h Joseph A.* 3^d b. Oct. 31, 1845. *h George E.* 3^d b. April 13, 1847. *Catherine E.* 3^d b. May 28, 1857.

Joseph H., 1st m. June 2, 1842, Adaline D. M. Gragg, who d. June 29, 1844; m. 2d, Oct. 3, 1845, Catherine A. Lane. 3^d Ch. 2 infant sons. *Ann Catherine*, b. and d. 1846. *Mary Adaline*, b. Jan. 21, 1851, m. Charles Lowe. *Joseph Franklin*, 4^d young. *Abbie Josephine*, b. Jan. 20, 1855, m. Daniel E. Haynes. *Harry Ellsworth*, 4^d b. June 27, 1866, d. Feb. 2, 1876.

Henry Oliver, 1st m. July 5, 1860, Harriet Paine. Ch. *Charles H.* 5^d b. Sept. 18, 1861, d. Oct. 20, 1881. *Herbert W.* 5^d b. Oct. 17, 1866, m. June 1, 1887, Carrie A. M. Carter, have Charles H. W. 6^d b. Dec. 11, 1888. *George W.* 5^d b. April 2, 1869, m. Nov. 12, 1889, Belle C. Foss, have Guy L. 6^d b. Dec. 18, 1890.

Joseph A. 1st m. 1876, Emma F. Ashby. Ch. *George A.*, b. Jan. 4, 1878. *Frank A.* 2^d b. Dec. 31, 1882.

George E. 1st m. Aug. 1874, Mary Richardson of Burlington, who d. Dec. 9, 1889; m. 2d, Feb. 12, 1891, Mrs. Melvina M. Shedd. Ch. *Chester E.* 2^d b. Feb. 18, 1877. *Frank*, 3^d *Howard A.* 3^d b. Dec. 23, 1880. *Darrell W.* 3^d b. May 21, 1882.

GRAGG. The family appears early in Groton, and later in Boston, from which city they came to Bedford.

Oliver occupied the Joseph Hartwell farm for a while. Had 2 ch. settled here. *Charles O.* and *Josiah Q.*

Charles O. b. Sept. 11, 1799, m. Nov. 13, 1821, Eliot Reed. He d. June 4, 1874; she d. Mar. 26, 1879. Ch. *Caroline E.* b. Sept. 25, 1822, m. Isaac Blanchard, m. 2d, George Baker, d. June 25, 1881. *Lucy A.* b. June 20, 1824, m. Silas Hollis, d. June 8, 1847. *Charles, Jr.* d. an infant. *Charles C.* b. Feb. 2, 1827, m. Nov. 1, 1854, Sarah A. Hartwell of Littleton. *Sarah Alice*, b. Oct. 22, 1828, m. Albert T. Bacon. *Helen M.* b. May 29, 1831, m. Amos Hill. *Emily C.* b. May 31, 1833, m. William Brimblecom; m. 2d, — Moseley. *William H.* and *Mary Josephine*, d. young. *Mary Josephine*, b. June 29, 1847, m. Charles Moseley, d. Dec. 25, 1873. *Harriet A.* b. 1845, m. Edward Gerry, d. Oct. 17, 1880. *Edward P.* b. Oct. 10, 1847, d. Feb. 11, 1868.

Josiah Q., depot master at Bedford for several years, m. Mary Morris of Boston.

Jacob, of Groton, died in Boston, settled in this town. He d. 1815; 1st wife died in Boston. He m. 2d, Deborah Shipley of Groton. Ch. *Sally*, m. — Harris. *Harriet*, m. Richard Blinn; m. 2d, Oliver W. Lane. *Mary A.* m.

David Townsend. *John Louisa*, m. Justus P. Hastings. *Frank. William. Adaline*, m. Joseph H. Goodwin.

HARTFORD, Dudley, son of Daniel and Harriet (Brown), b. in Billerica, 1840, m. Emma Woodward, settled in Bedford, June, 1879; florist, selectman and assessor in 1891.

HARTWELL — sometimes spelled **HEARTWELL**. — The crest of the family arms shows the hart or deer drinking at a well, indicating that the more popular spelling of the name may be correct.

William, 1st the founder of the family in New England, came to this country about 1636, and, as appears, directly to Concord. It is uncertain whether he was one of the little company of pioneers who followed Rev. Peter Bulkley through the wilderness to Musketaquid (Concord), in the fall of 1633; but it is certain that he was of the company in 1636, as he received nine acres in the first allotment of land, on which to erect a dwelling. It was located about one mile eastward from the public square of Concord. Mr. Hartwell is supposed to have been twenty-three years old when he came to this country, and was made a freeman of the colony in 1642. He appears in 1633 as a petitioner for the town of Chelmsford, and was an important and useful man in every respect. He was without doubt accompanied by a young wife in his pioneer work, and their children were probably all born in Concord.

There is a difference of opinion in writers of the Hartwell family as to the name of the wife of William, 1st and it has been recorded that the wife of his youth died, and that he had a second wife; but we think the best evidence leads to the conclusion that he had but one, and that her name was Jazan. The uncommon name being incorrectly spelled and poorly written was taken for Jessie, and later for Susan, which may reasonably explain the confusion. William provides for his wife Jazan in his will probated in 1692. He died March 12 of that year. She died Aug. 3, 1693. The place of their burial is uncertain, but probably on the Old Burial Hill.

There is some difference in opinion as to the number of children born to William. 1st He remembers by his will daughters Sarah and Mary and sons John and Samuel. All agree that there was a Martha, who must have died before her father; and some authorities assign to his family William, Jonathan, and Nathaniel, but of such we find no convincing record.

The almost universal custom of perpetuating the Christian name of the father through the first son, and of the mother through the first daughter, inclines us to the belief that there was a William who died young. We find no proof of the mother's name having been given to any member of the family.

It is uncertain how early the founder of the Hartwell family located in the territory that became Bedford, if he did at all. In 1666, when the selectmen of Concord undertook to adjust the question of land titles, Mr. Hartwell appears as the owner of two hundred and forty-one or two hundred and forty-seven acres, in nineteen separately described lots. He was one of the overseers of the "East Quarter" about 1650. It is certain that his land extended from the first highway, "Virginia Road," northward; and that a "trodden path," later a public way, led to the Hartwell residences, and that his sons located at what is now known as McGovern's and Hosmer's. (See Homesteads.)

The known ch. of William¹ and Jazan Hartwell are *h. John*,² b. Feb. 23, 1640-1. *h. Samuel*,² b. Mar. 26, 1645. *Martha*, b. April 25, 1649. *Mary*, b. —, m. Jonathan Hill of Billerica, d. Feb. 1694-5. *Sarah*, b. —, m. Benjamin Parker, d. July 18, 1674.

John,² son of William,¹ m. June 1, 1664, Priscilla Wright, who d. Mar. 3, 1680-1; m. 2d. Aug. 23, 1682, Elizabeth (her sister). He d. Jan. 12, 1702-3; she d. Dec. 16, 1704. Ch. *Ebenezer*,³ b. Feb. 23, 1666-7, m. Sarah Smedley. *John*,³ b. April 15, 1669, m. Sarah Shepard. *Samuel*,³ b. Oct. 9, 1673, d. Dec. 31, 1694. *Sarah*, b. April 12, 1677, m. Ebenezer Lamson. *William*,³ b. Feb. 20, 1678-9. By 2d wife, *Joseph*,³ b. Jan. 24, 1680-1, m. Ruhamah Cutler, d. Nov. 3, 1743. *Elizabeth*,³ b. Dec. 23, 1684. *Edward*,³ b. May 23, 1689. *Jonathan*,³ b. Feb. 15, 1691-2, m. Elizabeth Brown; m. 2d, Sarah Wheeler.

John Hartwell² was in King Philip's War, Capt. Thomas Wheeler's company, and marched to the defence of Quabog (Brookfield). The birth of John² is the first event of reliable date in the history of the family in America. He died intestate. An agreement between his children was made Mar. 12, 1704-5, signed with mark by Ebenezer, John, Elizabeth, William (by attorney), Joseph, Ebenezer Lamson (husband of Sarah), Edward and Jonathan (by their guardian).

Samuel,² son of William,¹ m. Oct. 26, 1665, Ruth Wheeler Ch. *Samuel*,³ b. Oct. 6, 1666, m. Abigail Stearns of Billerica, d. Nov. 27, 1744. *Mary*, b. Feb. 16, 1667-8. *Ruth*, b. Oct. 17, 1669. *h. William*,³ b. Aug. 16, 1671. *John*,³ b. June 18, 1673, m. Deborah. He d. Nov. 16, 1746; she d. June 14, 1744. (See epitaph.) They gave a silver cup to the church. *Hannah*,³ b. Oct. 8, 1675, m. Thomas Hosmer, d. Jan. 5, 1755. Thomas Hosmer was son of Thomas and grandson of James; killed at Sudbury fight by the Indians. *Elizabeth*,³ b. Oct. 23, 1677. *Sarah*,³ b. July 10, 1679. *Abigail*,³ b. May 1, 1681. *Rebecca*,³ b. Feb. 14, 1682-3, m. Simeon Hayward; m. 2d, Joseph Temple. She d. Mar. 29, 1776. *Jane*,³ b. Nov. 30, 1684. *Joseph*,³ d. young. *Jonathan*,³

Samuel Hartwell² was in Philip's War, probably in the "hungry march" was in the stronghold of Philip. He received land for his services.

William,³ son of Samuel,² m. Ruth. He d. Dec. 11, 1742; she d. Feb. 17, 1752. (See epitaph.) Ch. *h. William*,⁴ b. Nov. 5, 1703. *Ruth*,⁴ b. May 14, 1705, m. Bacon. *Dorothy*,⁴ b. Mar. 27, 1707, m. Arnall. *h. Daniel*,⁴ b. Mar. 20, 1709 or 1710. Received his father's walking cane by will. *h. Timothy*,⁴ b. Sept. 15, 1712. *h. Stephen*,⁴ b. 1716. *h. Joseph*,⁴ b. Jan. 17, 1722-3.

William Hartwell² son of Samuel,² was second layman in the foundation members of the church, 1730, and gave £5 towards starting the town.

William,⁴ son of William,³ was active in town at the same time. They died within four years of each other. It is difficult to separate their acts. When the vote was taken as to whether candidates for church membership should give in a "confession of their faith to be read in public," the name appears among the affirmative voters and also among the negatives. William Hartwell was chairman of the committee to call the first minister, q.v.

William,⁴ son of William,³ m. Deborah. He d. April 20, 1746; she d. Dec. 31, 1745. Ch. *Oliver*,⁵ b. Jan. 30, 1728, d. Dec. 14, 1745. *Joseph*,⁵ b. Nov. 3, 1730, probably settled in Vt. *William*,⁵ d. young. *Jane*,⁵ b. June 1, 1730. *Ruth*,⁵ b. June 17, 1740, d. Feb. 8, 1772. *Timothy*,⁵ d. young.

Daniel,⁴ son of William,³ m. June 13, 1734, Sarah Wilson. He d. July 10, 1745. Ch. *Daniel*,⁵ b. Mar. 14, 1735. *Sarah*,⁵ b. Oct. 4, 1736. *Solomon*,⁵ b. April 20, 1739, m. Aug. 9, 1750, Abigail Davis. *William*,⁵ b. Sept. 1, 1743. *Elizabeth*,⁵ b. Oct. 20, 1745.

Timothy,⁴ son of William,³ m. Mar. 24, 1736-7, Mary Davis. He d. Dec. 27, 1797; she d. April 22, 1808. Ch. 2 d. in infancy, and *Timothy*,⁵ not recorded, who m. Oct. 7, 1790, Lucy Davis, and had George⁶, b. Mar. 17, 1791.

Stephen,⁴ son of William,³ m. Dec. 31, 1741, Mary Raymond, who d. July 12, 1752; m. 2d, Rebecca, widow of Eleazer Davis. She d. Aug. 17, 1799; he d. July 12, 1792. Ch. *Mary*,⁵ b. Dec. 19, 1742, m. May 11, 1762, Francis Wilson, Jr. *Abigail*,⁵ b. Aug. 15, 1744, m. Jan. 9, 1766, Jonathan Simonds (?). *Tirzah*,⁵ b. Nov. 24, 1746. *Stephen*,⁵ b. Oct. 12, 1749, m. Jan. 19, 1775, Sarah Reed. *Ruth*,⁵ b. Mar. 1, 1752. *h. Samuel*,⁵ b. Feb. 1756.

Joseph,⁴ son of William,³ m. Dec. 12, 1750, Jemima Batchelder. He d. July 7, 1792; she d. July 13, 1786. Ch. *Joseph*,⁵ d. young. *Jemima*,⁵ b. Sept. 6, 1753, m. Ebenezer Cummings of Woburn. *John*,⁵ b. May 18, 1755, m. April 17, 1787, Elizabeth Moore, lived in Littleton, d. Mar. 17, 1827. Their son, Dea. John, possessed a remarkable talent for music. He played the base viol forty years in Littleton church. His daughter, Sarah A., m. Charles C. Gragg of Bedford. *Lydia*,⁵ b. Nov. 1, 1757, d. Feb. 13, 1788. *Hannah*,⁵ b. July 9, 1759, m. John Skelton of Billerica, d. Sept. 8, 1831. *Ruth*,⁵ b. Feb. 2, 1761, m. June 3, 1788, Joseph Porter, Jr., d. Nov. 25, 1843. *h. Joseph*,⁵ b. May 9, 1762. *Dea. J.*,⁵ b. Jan. 10, 1764, m. Abraham Whitcomb, d. Aug. 12, 1841. *Timothy*,⁵ b. Sept. 7, 1765. *Molly*,⁵ b. April 5, 1769. *h. William*,⁵ b. June 25, 1770.

Samuel,⁴ son of Stephen,⁴ m. Oct. 26, 1779, Mrs. Desire Brown, dau. of Joseph and Desire (Batchelder). He d. April 2, 1823; she d. Aug. 30, 1824. They had no children. They made bequests to the church, minister and American Education Society, and to relatives. Among the bequests of Desire Hartwell was her tall clock, in the bottom of which was a quantity of silver dollars, to her niece, Hannah Evans.

Joseph,⁴ son of Joseph,⁴ m. July 3, 1804, Elizabeth Mead. He d. Aug. 3, 1840; she d. Aug. 16, 1845. Ch. *h. Joseph*,⁵ b. May 26, 1806.

William,⁴ son of Joseph,⁴ m. Oct. 13, 1796, Joanna, dau. of Eleazer Davis, who d. Oct. 30, 1808; m. 2d, April 6, 1809, Mary Lake. He d. May 8, 1819; she d. Jan. 4, 1854. Ch. *h. William*,⁵ b. Jan. 12, 1797. *h. Amos*,⁵ b. Aug. 3, 1798. *h. Benjamin Farlev*,⁵ b. June 8, 1800. *h. Joseph*,⁵ b. April 7, 1802. *Isaac*,⁵ b. Mar. 1, 1804, m. June 19, 1862, Lucy Frost, d. Dec. 6, 1884. He was quiet and industrious, and accumulated wealth. *Mary Joanna*,⁵ b. May 17, 1806, m. Nov. 3, 1863, Robert Bartley. *h. John Batchelder*,⁵ b. June 21, 1808. By 2d wife, *Samuel Chandler*,⁵ b. Feb. 4, 1810. *Louisa*,⁵ b. Dec. 31, 1811, m. Elias Skelton. *George*,⁵ b. Aug. 4, 1814, settled in California. Infant son, b and d. 1818. *Eldridge*,⁵ b. Jan. 3, 1820.

Six of the sons of William Hartwell² attained the aggregate age of 475 years, and the average of 79 1-6 years. Isaac⁶ and Benjamin⁶ died within eight days of each other.

* Densmore's valuable hand-book of Hartwell Genealogy assumes this Joseph to William⁴ and thus gains a generation; but the records and tombstone prove that he was born in 1722-3, and we think must have been a son of William.³

at the age of 81 and 84, respectively. William⁶ and John⁶ died within five days of each other, aged 91 and 80, respectively.

Joseph,⁶ son of Joseph,⁵ m. May 5, 1831, Naomi S. Thompson, who d. May 5, 1840; m. 2d, Dec. 30, 1840, Mrs. Elizabeth (Page) Taylor. He d. Feb. 25, 1869. Ch. *Mary A.*, b. April 18, 1832, m. Amos Stearns, d. Jan. 20, 1864. By 2d wife, *Martha J.* b. Jan. 25, 1842, m. May 25, 1870, George S. Skelton of Carlisle. *Ellen E.* b. May 28, 1843, m. Sept. 23, 1874, Archibald M. Wilkins. *Harriet F.* b. April 28, 1846, m. George H. Dutton. (See Hartwell Homesteads.)

William,⁶ son of William,⁵ m. Nov. 30, 1826, Ruhamah Webber. She d. Aug. 31, 1879; he d. Jan. 14, 1888. Ch. *William W.* b. Oct. 2, 1827. *Joanna*, b. Nov. 1, 1829. *Lydia E.* b. Mar. 15, 1835.

The family first settled in Concord, then on a farm in Lexington, now conducted by the son. Joanna attended the normal school at Newton, and was a successful teacher for years.

Amos,⁶ son of William,⁵ m. June 20, 1822, Louisa Hodgman. He d. July 25, 1870; she d. Nov. 17, 1878. Ch. *Sarah Joanna*, b. and d. 1823. *Mary*, b. Mar. 19, 1825, m. Nov. 27, 1845, Josiah B. Gleason. *Sarah*, b. Feb. 24, 1827, m. Jan. 1, 1851, Royal T. Bryant. *Edward Amos*, b. Sept. 23, 1828. *William Green*,⁷ b. Dec. 1, 1834. *Abby Louisa*, b. June 15, 1839, a teacher for several years. *Frederick Alonzo*,⁷ b. June 13, 1841.

Amos Hartwell, at the age of twenty years, through the death of his father, was left, with his step-mother, in charge of the farm and several young children. He married, 1822, Louisa Hodgman, a woman of great energy and executive ability, and for a while manufactured shoes. They invested their limited means in the Stephen Davis farm, where they reared a large family and accumulated a most respectable fortune. Their six children were given the benefit of academic training in addition to the educational advantages of the town, which by private subscription Mr. Hartwell aided in improving. The three daughters were successful teachers. The closing years of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell were spent at the John Merriam residence in the village. Mr. Hartwell was a justice of the peace for fourteen years, settled many estates, conducted the affairs of minors, and was prominent in town office. He was representative to the General Court four years. He was deacon of the Church of Christ from 1826 till death, in 1870; was superintendent of the Sabbath school eighteen years, and enjoyed the confidence of the townspeople till death. A window to his memory was placed, by his children, in 1886, in the meeting-house which he aided in building, and where he was a consistent worshipper of God, whom he loved and taught his family to worship.

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son of William,⁵ m. Nov. 13, 1828, Lucy Webber, who d. April 20, 1834; m. 2d, Jan. 20, 1835, Mary F. Fitch, who d. May 15, 1871; m. 3d, Nov. 17, 1875, Mrs. Nancy Brooks. He d. Dec. 14, 1884. Ch. *Lucy*, b. and d. 1830. *Lucy Ann*, b. and d. 1832. By 2d wife, *Lucy Webber*, b. Jan. 16, 1837, m. Nov. 25, 1858, Hannibal S. Pond. *Mary Anna*, b. Feb. 21, 1839, m. Jan. 1, 1861, Matthew K. Fletcher.

Benjamin F. Hartwell⁶ spent his most active years on the Convers Farm at South Bedford (see illustration), and

later lived with his second wife, Mary F. Fitch, at her paternal homestead in the centre. He had been a member of the church sixty-seven years, and a useful and honored citizen. Lucy W. (Hartwell) Pond lived at her homestead at South Bedford. She was killed by being thrown from a carriage Oct. 2, 1860. Mary A. (Hartwell) Fletcher lived at Arlington some years, returned to Bedford with her husband in 1884, and located on her maternal acres. (See Homesteads.)

Joseph,⁶ son of William,⁵ m. May 5, 1833, Hannah Hodgman. He d. Aug. 2, 1868; she d. Jan. 23, 1888. Ch. *Nancy*, b. and d. 1834. *Joseph Edwin*⁷ and *Hannah Elizabeth*, twins, b. May 13, 1835; *Hannah E.* m. George H. Smith, d. Mar. 30, 1890. *Charles Henry*,⁷ b. Oct. 5, 1836. *Nancy Jane*, b. Jan. 3, 1838, m. Charles M. Stratton, d. Jan. 31, 1876. *Ellen Francisca*, b. July 18, 1839, m. Hannibal S. Pond, d. Feb. 15, 1865. *Caroline Augusta*, b. April 9, 1841, m. George W. Livermore. *John Albert*,⁷ b. Jan. 9, 1843. *George Alfred*,⁷ b. Dec. 7, 1844. *Isaac Newton*,⁷ b. Nov. 28, 1846. *Benjamin Franklin*,⁷ b. and d. 1848. *Frank*,⁷ b. June 28, 1850. *Addie Maria*, d. young.

Joseph Hartwell was a flourishing farmer and teamster, and a man of great endurance.

John Batchelder,⁶ m. July 14, 1832, Julia Ann Harrington. He d. Jan. 19, 1888; she d. Feb. 21, 1890. Ch. *John Henry*,⁷ b. Jan. 16, 1835. *Charles Frederick*,⁷ b. Mar. 29, 1844.

John B. Hartwell settled in West Cambridge (Arlington) in 1836, was a carpenter by trade, and built many houses. He was sexton of the Unitarian church for thirty years, and funeral undertaker of the town forty-three years; and was in other public offices, which he faithfully filled.

Samuel Chandler,⁶ son of William,⁵ was an architect and builder in New Orleans, La., m. Mrs. Eliza Thomas. He d. June 22, 1844. Ch. *Allice L.* b. 1837, m. 1858, John Lockhart. *Charles C.* b. 1839, m. 1863, Catherine Lacy. He is a plumber and gas-fitter in New Orleans, and a man of wealth and influence. Ch. *Eliza A.* b. 1863. *Ellen A.* b. 1867. *Samuel C.* b. 1869. *Charles A. L.* b. 1871. *Lawrence S.* b. 1873.

Eldridge,⁶ son of William,⁵ m. Nov. 1, 1843, Lucy P. Reed. Ch. *Edwin A.* b. Sept. 12, 1845. *Eliza Louisa*, b. Sept. 11, 1852, d. Nov. 28, 1853.

Eldridge Hartwell⁶ and son, Edwin A.,⁷ are both house-builders, and located in their native town.

Edward Amos,⁷ son of Amos,⁶ m. Oct. 13, 1860, Almira Chamberlin. Ch. *Walter Chamberlin*,⁸ d. young. *Carrie Louise*, b. Aug. 4, 1864, m. Sept. 16, 1890, George M. Ludlow. *Lydia Cornelia*, b. Nov. 29, 1867. *Almira Florence*, b. July 23, 1869. *Abbie Gertrude*, b. Oct. 6, 1871. *Mary Belle*, b. May 23, 1875. *Edward Chamberlin*,⁸ d. young.

Edward Amos Hartwell went, in 1852, to California, where he spent a year in gluch mining, then three in carpentering; was at Quincy, Ill., in mill business, until 1859; then to New Orleans, La., and later to Chicago, in the manufacture of sash, blinds, and builder's finish. He has accumulated a large fortune. In 1888 he organized his business into a stock company, displaying great munificence in the gratuitous distribution of stock among his old and faithful employees. He has large possessions in the West, and in Florida, at Rockledge, where he conducts an orange plantation and lives during the winter. He is a faithful friend of the church of his youth.

William Green,⁷ son of Amos,⁶ the only male representative of Amos⁶ in his native town, where he is a prosperous wood and coal dealer, m. June 11, 1868, Clara A. Smith. Ch. *Edith Smith*,⁷ b. Oct. 5, 1872. *Clara Howard*, b. Nov. 25, 1877. *Lilla*, b. Mar. 7, 1880.

Frederick Alonzo,⁷ son of Amos,⁶ m. Nov. 23, 1865, Lavinia A. Nichols. Ch. *Fannie Taylor*, b. Aug. 13, 1868. *Harry Gardner*,⁸ b. Aug. 24, 1871. *Herbert Cabot*,⁸ b. Mar. 18, 1873. *William Winn*,⁷ b. Sept. 1, 1874. *Florence May*, b. May 21, 1876. *Ernest Nichols*,⁸ b. Feb. 25, 1878. *Edward Amos*,⁸ b. Sept. 17, 1879.

Frederick A. Hartwell⁷ settled in Woburn, where he has conducted the provision business with marked success for many years. He is an honored member and liberal supporter of the Orthodox church.

Joseph Edwin,⁷ son of Joseph,⁶ m. Dec. 25, 1868, Adelia Babson. Lives in Brighton in winter, at Pigeon Cove in summer.

Charles Henry,⁷ son of Joseph,⁶ m. June 10, 1874, Emma J. Carr. Ch. *Henry T.*⁸ b. Sept. 13, 1876. *Gertrude A.* b. April 15, 1880. *Ethel*.

Charles H. Hartwell⁷ is a successful trader in East Cambridge.

John Albert,⁷ son of Joseph,⁶ m. June 29, 1874, Helen M. Davis. Ch. *Edith*.

George Alfred,⁷ son of Joseph,⁶ m. Mar. 1868, Olive M. Fitch. Ch. *Geor. F.*⁸ b. and d. 1868. *Louisa F.* b. Aug. 18, 1871.

Isaac Newton,⁷ son of Joseph,⁶ wheelwright at Bedford, m. June 1, 1870, Elizabeth A. Pierce. Ch. *Lizzie Marion*, b. Dec. 30, 1875.

John Henry,⁷ son of John,⁶ m. Nov. 21, 1861, Emeline Augusta Stearns. She d. Sept. 19, 1883. Ch. *George Henry*,⁸ b. Aug. 22, 1864, m. Emma I. Greenard. *Adelle Augusta*, b. Oct. 29, 1866, m. James W. Nickles. *Charles Tilden*,⁸ b. Dec. 18, 1868. *Julia Almira*, b. Jan. 14, 1871.

John H. Hartwell⁷ is in the undertaking business in Arlington. He has been chief of police and in other town offices.

Charles Frederick,⁷ son of John,⁶ m. Mar. 29, 1866, Mary Jane Boothby; m. 2d, Mar. 29, 1884, Mrs Augusta Anne Webster. Ch. *Frederick William*,⁸ b. Mar. 20, 1868. *Walter Chandler*,⁸ b. May 2, 1870. *Herbert Eugene*,⁸ b. Mar. 12, 1872. *Gertrude Eugenia*, b. Nov. 14, 1874.

Charles F. Hartwell⁷ followed the seas for years, and later the trade of a carpenter.

Edwin A.⁷ son of Eldridge,⁶ m. June 21, 1869, Mary P. Blood. Ch. *Clara L.* b. Dec. 7, 1870.

For HAYDEN, see General History.

HAYNES, Daniel E. son of Daniel and Hannah (Garfield), b. in Concord, May 13, 1848, settled in Bedford in 1871, m. Abbie J. Goodwin. Ch. *Mary J.* b. April 27, 1872. *Joseph E.* b. July 19, 1876, d. Mar. 1, 1881.

HAYWARD, variously spelled.

George, was an immigrant associate with Rev. Peter Bulkley, and settled at Musketaquid (Concord) in 1635. The line to the Bedford settler was George,¹ Joseph,² Simeon,³ Dea. Samuel,⁴ Paul,⁵ b. April 2, 1745, m. July 14, 1768, Anna White of Acton, and had 10 ch. He d. May 16, 1825; she d. at the age of 91, having been noted for piety and missionary spirit.

Mather,⁶ Lieut., son of Paul,⁵ the first of the name to settle in Bedford, was from Roxboro, and lived in the family of William Page at West Bedford. He m. May 1, 1800,

Lucy Page, and d. April 18, 1850. She d. April 11, 1847. Ch. *h. Mose*,⁷ b. Dec. 30, 1800. *h. Ebenezer*,⁷ b. Oct. 1, 1802. *h. John White*,⁷ b. July 11, 1804. *h. William Page*,⁷ b. Dec. 2, 1807. *Lucy Ann*, b. Aug. 8, 1809. *Mather*, b. April 12, 1811. *George W.* d. young. *Caroline*, b. July 31, 1816, d. June 20, 1839. *Maria*, b. Nov. 1819, m. Bowker, d. July 4, 1858.

Mather Hayward⁶ inherited the William Page farm, which he occupied, was often in town office, and prominent in church. He was first lieutenant of the company of militia under Capt. Putnam, and was with the company when ordered to Fort Warren in 1812. He owned the snare drum used on that day.

Moses,⁷ son of Mather,⁶ m. April 30, 1829, Lucretia Bingham. She d. Feb. 26, 1877; he d. April 2, 1891. Ch. *Charlotte Lucretia*, b. June 8, 1830, m. Gen. B. F. Edmunds of Newton. *Annie Maria*, b. Sept. 11, 1831, m. Charles Coverly. *Charles B.*⁸ m. Carrie Stoddard, and lives at Hingham. *Henrietta*, m. Lewis Stoddard. *Lucy*, resides at Boston. Five d. young.

Moses Hayward⁷ was crippled in one limb from youth. He was educated at Westford Academy, and followed a mercantile business in Bedford and later in Boston. He was superintendent of Bedford Sabbath School, first clerk of Trin. Cong. society, and in many positions of trust. He was a foundation member of Mt. Vernon Church, Boston.

Ebenezer,⁷ son of Mather,⁶ m. Nov. 1828, Esther Buttrick; m. 2d, May 19, 1833, Ann S. Bingham; m. 3d, Harriet Dresser. He d. July 14, 1877. Ch. *Henry E.*⁸ *Samuel W.*⁸ *Esther M.*⁸ *Martha A.*⁸ *Helien M.*⁸ *Caroline E.*⁸ *George B.*⁸ and *Harriet M.*⁸

John White,⁷ son of Mather,⁶ m. April 26, 1827, Lydia H. Lane. He d. 1866; she d. Dec. 25, 1884. Ch. *John Augustus*,⁸ b. Mar. 14, 1828, d. Aug. 1828. *Stephen Lane*,⁸ b. Oct. 26, 1829. *Harriet Frances*, b. May 12, 1831.

John W. Hayward⁷ was often in town and parish office. He was commissioned as captain of Lexington artillery company.

William Page,⁷ son of Mather,⁶ m. Mar. 17, 1835, Abigail Maynard, Ch. *Amelia B.* b. April 19, 1836. *William Edward*,⁸ b. May 24, 1839, m. Susan Aude. Had 5 ch.

William Page Hayward⁷ was a manufacturer of trunks and valises in Lowell and Canada, and later settled in North Cambridge. He was deacon of North Avenue Congregational Church from 1857 to 1867.

Mather,⁷ son of Mather,⁶ m. Ann Holbrook of Boston; m. 2d, Caroline Chappoille of Cambridgeport. Have 2 ch. living.

HILL. The Hills were in Billerica very early. Their lands extended into that part of the town that was set off to Bedford in 1729. (See Homesteads.) By intermarriage the Hills of Billerica became early interested with the families on the Concord side of Bedford. Ralph¹ was the founder of the family. Jonathan² m. Dec. 11, 1666, Mary Hartwell, dau. of William.¹ John Hartwell of Bedford m. Dec. 3, 1744, Mary Brackett, widow of Jonathan Hill.³ William Page⁴ of Bedford m. Nov. 8, 1763, Pette Hill, dau. of Ralph.⁴ Jonathan Hill⁴ m. Jan. 13, 1746, Mary Lane of Bedford. Oliver Pollard m. June 19, 1777, Mary Hill, dau. of Jonathan.⁴ Benjamin Lane⁵ of Bedford, later of Ashburnham, m. May 26, 1785, Isabel Hill, dau. of Jonathan.⁴ Joseph Hill⁵ m. Aug. 24, 1749, Lucy Fitch, dau. of Zachariah of Bedford. Jonathan⁶ m. Dec. 13, 1798,

Mary Proctor of Bedford. Samuel Butler of Leominster, later of Bedford, m. Nov. 23, 1824, Mary Hill, dau. of Jonathan.⁵

David,⁶ apprenticed to Benj. Simonds to learn the shoe business at the age of 18, m. Dec. 26, 1832, Lydia P. Hatch, who d. Oct. 15, 1851; m. 2d, Dec. 14, 1853, Mary A. Chamberlin, who d. Jan. 18, 1860; m. 3d, May 26, 1861, Mrs. C. A. Farriss. Ch. *Henry D.*⁷ b. Nov. 17, 1834. *Alma V.* b. May 8, 1838, m. May 2, 1858, George A. Pollard of Leominster. Had 4 ch. *Mary E.* b. July 27, 1847, m. Dec. 24, 1867, Wallace A. Rowell. Had 1 son, Byron H. d. Sept. 10, 1890.

Josiah,⁸ lived on Bedford homestead, m. June 8, 1789, Susanna Davis, dau. of Daniel¹ of Bedford. She d. Feb. 15, 1818 (see epitaph); he d. Mar. 15, 1840. Ch. *Josiah*,⁶ b. July 11, 1791, was a clergyman at Methuen in 1832, and later at Lynnfield. *Joseph*,⁶ b. Feb. 23, 1793, m. Susan Bacon of Bedford, d. Mar. 4, 1831. *Elijah Bacon*,⁶ b. April 24, 1795, m. Lucy Johnson, d. Mar. 29, 1865. *Susannah*,⁶ b. April 30, 1798, m. Dea. Joel Fitch. Two d. young. *Artemas*,⁶ b. Oct. 5, 1809, m. Betsey Roby; m. 2d, Sophia Wilkins. Lived in Billerica and Carlisle. h *Constantine*,⁶ b. May 18, 1812.

Constantine,⁶ son of Josiah,⁵ lived on Bedford homestead, m. Nov. 7, 1834, Martha Pratt of Dunstable, who d. Jan. 27, 1830; m. 2d, Mrs. Sarah (Whitford) Webber, who d. May 30, 1833; m. 3d, Lucy Davis Richardson. He d. Aug. 25, 1872. Ch. *Martha Maria*,⁶ b. Oct. 28, 1835, m. Samuel Sage of Bedford. *Mary Ellen*,⁶ b. Nov. 13, 1837, m. John DeCamp of Cincinnati. *John Henry*,⁷ b. Jan. 19, 1839, m. Jennie Bulmer of New Jersey. *William Warren*,⁷ b. July 3, 1844. *George Worth*,⁶ b. Feb. 10, 1846, m. Ann M. Brown. *Sarah Adelaide*,⁶ b. Sept. 6, 1851, m. Richard R. Anderson. *Josiah Constantine*,⁶ d. an infant.

Amos W.⁷ son of Brewer⁶ and Celinda Carpenter, b. Oct. 18, 1826, m. 1848, Helen M. dau. of Charles O. Gragg. Ch. *Charles Eugene*,⁸ b. May 22, 1849, m. 1880, Celia Watkins of Elgin, Ill. *Helen A.* b. Oct. 11, 1851, m. 1872, Fred C. Potter of Waltham, d. 1880. *William H.*⁸ b. Feb. 5, 1857, m. 1878, Meda Hayes of Waltham. h *Ralph W.*⁸ b. Nov. 22, 1859, m. 1885, Emma Godber of Waltham. Ch. *Walter J.*⁹ b. Mar. 7, 1886. *Ralph C.*⁹ b. Mar. 15, 1888.

John Brewer,⁷ son of Brewer⁶ and Celinda Carpenter, b. Oct. 29, 1822, m. Nov. 27, 1850, Mary I. dau. of George Dutton and Lydia (Jaquith). Ch. *Fred Bertrand*,⁸ b. July 7, 1852, m. Fannie Babson. *Joseph Augustine*,⁸ b. Feb. 19, 1854, m. Emma Cades. *Lizzie Estelle*,⁸ b. Sept. 5, 1861, m. Langdon E. Pearson.

HOAR, Edmund, son of Leonard of Lincoln, m. Nov. 29, 1827, Betsey Wright. He d. Mar. 7, 1857; she d. June 5, 1889. Ch. *Caroline P.* b. Sept. 9, 1830, m. Daniel S. Pratt of Brattleboro, Vt. *Alfred H.* b. July 27, 1832, m. Mary Bemis. Had 4 ch. *Edmund* and *Edward*, twins, b. July 20, 1835; Edmund m. Salome Emerson; Edward m. Jennie Fessenden, and 2d, Emma Kratzer. *George E.* m. Lizzie Gray. *Joseph H.* a successful merchant in New York City, m. Ada Van Iderstein. *Mary Frances*, m. Benjamin F. Parker. She, with son Stanley, perished in the Old Colony Railroad accident at Quincy, August, 1890. *Maria A.* b. Jan. 1846, m. J. Franklin Mansfield. *Charles E.* b. Oct. 1852, m. April 20, 1876, Emma P. Talbot. Have 2 ch. The sons have legally taken the maiden name of mother, Wright.

HODGSON, Irving L., son of Joseph M. and Catherine A. Smith, b. in Lowell Dec. 3, 1851, settled in Bedford 1875, m. Viola A. Smith. Selectman and assessor 1897.

Harrison D., son of Joseph M. and Catherine A. Smith, b. in Lowell June 15, 1863, m. Fannie A. Hill. Ch. Mabel G. b. April 18, 1883. Joseph S. b. Mar. 4, 1885.

HOSMER, James,² b. 1607, d. Feb. 7, 1683 in Concord. He was a clothier, of Hawkhurst, Kent Co., Eng., and came in ship "Elizabeth" from London in 1635, with his wife, two daughters, and two maid servants; settled in Concord, Sept. 1635; was freeman May 17, 1637. Had 8 ch.

Stephen,² son of James by his 3d wife, Alice or Ellen, b. Nov. 27, 1642, freeman in 1690, m. Abigail Wood, d. Dec. 15, 1714.

John,³ son of Stephen and Abigail, b. Aug. 31, 1671, m. Mary Billings, d. 1751.

John,⁴ son of John and Mary, b. July 24, 1700, m. Aug. 26, 1724, Mehitable Parker, d. Dec. 14, 1733.

John,⁵ son of John,⁴ b. May 17, 1725, m. Martha Webber of Medford, d. in Medford, Nov. 17, 1771. Ch. *Martha*, b. Jan. 21, 1756. *Martha*, 2d, b. Oct. 11, 1762. *Benjamin*,⁶ b. June 30, 1766, a physician in Gilsom, N.H.

John,⁶ b. May 10, 1758, in Medford. Removed to Lexington, where he was a member of Capt. Parker's company at the Battle of Lexington. He afterwards fought at White Plains, Oct. 28, 1776; at Ticonderoga, July 5, 1777; and at Stillwater, Sept. 19 and Oct. 7, 1777. He was educated in preparation for Harvard College, but at the death of his benefactress, Mme. Ryall, he became a shoemaker. He m. Jan. 21, 1781, Anna Fosgate of Bolton. He removed from Lexington to Shrewsbury, and thence, in about 1790, to Bedford, where he lived and brought up his large family. He d. in New Ipswich, N.H., Sept. 17, 1839. Ch. h *Christopher Page*,⁷ b. May 1, 1782. *John*,⁷ b. June 26, 1784. h *Castalia*,⁷ b. April 6, 1786. *Martha*, b. Feb. 15, 1788. *Anna*, b. Oct. 22, 1789. *Julia*, b. June 3, 1791. *Clarissa*, b. Sept. 6, 1792. *Benjamin*,⁷ b. Oct. 20, 1794. h *Leander*,⁷ b. April 5, 1796. h *Gustavus*,⁷ b. Nov. 26, 1798.

Christopher Page,⁷ m. Feb. 29, 1812, Nancy Thompson of Woburn, d. Sept. 19, 1834. Had 10 ch. *Sally Bond*, b. Mar. 27, 1820, m. Jan. 1, 1843, John Clark. Removed to Amherst, where she now lives. *Oren Stanley*,⁸ b. Oct. 16, 1829, m. Aug. 1, 1860, Charlotte A. Emery of Tuftonboro, N.H. Had 3 ch.

Castalia,⁷ shoe manufacturer in Bedford, lieutenant in war of 1812, m. Mrs. Ruth (Clarke) Pool of Braintree. Ch. h *Ebenezer Clark*,⁸ b. July 4, 1806. *Anna Fosgate*, b. Mar. 28, 1808. *Elias Pool*,⁸ b. Mar. 11, 1810. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 21, 1811. *Lucinda*, b. May 12, 1814. *Laura*, b. May 19, 1817. *Castalia*,⁸ b. May 16, 1819. *Charles*,⁸ b. Nov. 6, 1820. *Graville*,⁸ b. Sept. 25, 1822.

Leander,⁷ farmer and shoemaker, m. Sophronia Wilson of Billerica, d. Oct. 6, 1888. Ch. h *Henry*,⁸ b. Nov. 18, 1818. *Angelina*, b. April 1, 1820, m. Rev. John H. Carr, was a missionary in Indian Territory, d. Sept. 28, 1864. *Ann Maria*, b. Sept. 2, 1821, m. Nathaniel P. Watts. h *Thomas Baldwin*,⁸ b. Aug. 27, 1822. *Caroline Matilda*, b. Jan. 6, 1825, m. Edward Foster. *Martha Eliza*, b. April 24, 1827, m. Isaac L. Watts. h *William Augustus*,⁸ b. Oct. 16, 1829. *Sophronia*, b. Mar. 28, 1833, d. young. *Jerome*,⁸ b. Oct. 10, 1834. *Charles Edward*,⁸ b. May 25, 1837.

Gustavus,⁷ m. Julia Wilson of Westford, d. Nov. 24,

1828. Ch. *George*,⁸ b. July 6, 1822, wholesale boot and shoe dealer in Boston. *Edwin*,⁸ b. about 1826. *Melvin*.

Ebenezer Clark,⁷ b. July 4, 1806, farmer, m. Mary Ann Muzzey of Lexington, d. Sept. 9, 1886. Ch. *Ebenezer Battelle*,⁸ b. May 5, 1830. *Harriet Battelle*, b. Oct. 13, 1835, m. James Clark. *Ellen Bowers*, b. Mar. 1845, m. Robert Rushton. *Charles Muzzey*,⁸ b. Sept. 17, 1849. *John Muzzey*,⁸ b. April 14, 1853.

Henry,⁸ son of Leander,⁷ m. Catherine G. Cook of Salem. He d. in Civil War, q.v. Ch. *Randall Dutton*,⁹ b. 1850. *Hilton Fosgate*,⁹ b. Oct. 1852.

Thomas Baldwin,⁸ son of Leander,⁷ dentist in Boston and Bedford, justice of the peace, has been in town office, m. July 29, 1849, Hannah Heald of Carlisle. *Charlotte Maria*, b. June 29, 1851. *William Augustus*,⁹ b. June 12, 1856. *Ernest Howard*,⁹ b. Dec. 12, 1862, grad. Harvard College, 1886, studied divinity and medicine.

William Augustus,⁸ son of Leander,⁷ mantel maker, m. Sarah Hewes of Roxbury, d. Jan. 6, 1856. Ch. *Sophronia*, b. May 1851. *Hattie*.

Charles Edward,⁷ son of Leander,⁷ of Brown University (1861) and Harvard Medical School (1867), m. Sarah Breck of Brighton. He has been a physician in Waltham, Boston, and Billerica, and principal of a young ladies' boarding school in Boston. At Billerica he was chairman of school committee, president Bennett Library, and choir-master in First Church. He was in the Civil War, q.v. Had 5 ch.

William Augustus,⁹ son of Thomas B.⁸ watchmaker in Waltham, studied at Lawrence Academy, Groton, alderman in Waltham (1890 and 1891), m. Fannie S. Tarbell of Hartford, Vt.

HUGHES, John, m. Alice Taylor. She m. 2d, William Reed, d. Feb. 1837. Ch. *William B.* b. Oct. 12, 1848. *Sarah Jane*, b. and d. 1850. *Samuel T.* b. 1852, d. 1861.

William B. m. July 1, 1872, Lucy Alice Puffer. Ch. *Samuel T.* b. April 21, 1874. *Alice Reed*, b. Dec. 13, 1877. *Emma J.* b. Jan. 1, 1880.

HURD, Thomas, a tavern keeper of Bedford, m. Dec. 1811, Mary W. Hoar. Ch. *Mary E.* b. July 18, 1815, m. Sept. 30, 1851, Charles Jones of Boston.

JACKSON, Joshua,¹ b. in Middleboro, Mass., 1737, d. 1830. He served seven years in the Revolution, and returned home wearing a knapsack that contained nine bullet holes. Ch. *h Josiah*² and *h Joshua*.²

Josiah,² b. at Newton, Mass., removed to Paris, Mé., m. Deborah Churchill. He d. at the age of 70 years, and she at 99 years. Ch. *Hattie*, *Hannah*, *Clara*, *h Joshua*,³ *George*,³ and *Charles*.³

Josiah,³ b. 1821, came to Bedford in 1842, m. 1845, Mary Pierce. Ch. *Mary S.* b. April 1846, m. 1868, Warren Houghton of Northfield, Vt. d. 1887. *Josiah N.*⁴ b. 1848, d. 1871. *h George H.*⁴ b. 1850. *h William A.*⁴ b. 1853. *Charles*,⁴ b. and d. 1857. *Alice L.* b. 1859, m. Quincy S. Cole.

George H.⁴ a provision dealer in Lexington, m. 1873, Flora E. Wentworth of Lexington. She d. July 21, 1883. Ch. *George O.*⁵ *William A.*⁵ and *Mabel E.*

William A.⁴ merchant in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, m. 1878, Ida M. Garmon of East Lexington. She d. 1885. Ch. *William Leroy*,⁵ b. 1885.

JOHNSON, Obadiah Perry, son of Asa and Sarah Perry, b. at Rindge, N.H., 1811, m. Jan. 3, 1835, Abigail M. Reed, who was b. at Ashby, Feb. 5, 1813. Ch. *Edwin*

A. m. Mary E. Jones of Maine. Have Herbert L. and Edgar N. *Alfred Perry*, grad. Harvard College (1861) and Andover Seminary (1866), was in the Union army and clergyman in the West, m. Terrie E. Shively of Indiana. Have Blanche, Edward, and Terrie. *Marcus R.* was in Civil War, q.v., m. Nellie L. Wilson of Massachusetts. Have Mabel Arthur, Mary Elsie, and George. *Abbie M.* m. Edward Gooding of Massachusetts. Have Ethel R., m. J. Forest Bell, M.D., of Illinois.

This Johnson family, now extinct in this town, was for many years prominent, helpful, and highly respected.

JONES, Timothy,⁵ son of John⁴ and Abigail, b. May 1, 1748, m. Rebecca Putnam. His paternal ancestors in four generations were John. (See military history and epitaphs.)

Ephraim, from Boston, m. Eliza Brown of Lincoln, and settled on a portion of the David Reed farm. He d. Nov. 27, 1861; she d. June 7, 1885, and left a legacy to the church. A tablet to her memory is seen in the chapel. Ch. *Charles H.* a successful merchant in Natick, m. Anna Lowe. Have 5 ch.

Elbridge, from Merrimack, N.H., m. 1836, Abigail Stickney of Tewksbury. He served nine months in the Union army (see Chap. XXX.), and was superintendent of Milton poor farm, where he d. Nov. 18, 1868. Ch. *Francis*, b. Oct. 1, 1837.

KEILEY, Martin, settled in 1873 on the farm owned by Timothy Page at the time of the Revolution. (See Homesteads.) He m. 1867, Ellen Murry. Ch. *John*, b. Oct. 16, 1868. *William*, b. Sept. 26, 1870. *Edward P.* b. Sept. 29, 1871. *Thomas*, b. Aug. 15, 1874. *Mary*, b. Feb. 20, 1876, d. June 29, 1888. *Nellie*, b. May 15, 1877. *Maggie*, b. July 5, 1878, d. July 12, 1888. *Annie*, b. April 19, 1880. *Martin J.* b. and d. Oct. 1881. *Martin J.* b. Oct. 6, 1882. *Agnes*, b. Oct. 26, 1883.

KENRICK, Alexander Wellington, son of Samuel and Martha S. Smith, b. at Charlestown, Sept. 9, 1814, m. Mar. 14, 1838, Lucy L. Holbrook of the eighth generation. Ch. *Henrietta A.* b. Feb. 7, 1841, m. George H. Russell. *Earl Wood*, b. July 23, 1844, d. Feb. 26, 1887. *Anthony H.* b. Jan. 21, 1847. *Frank Pierce*, b. Jan. 21, 1847. *George W.* b. Oct. 8, 1849. *Ernest H.* b. June 23, 1852. *Mercy Maria*, b. Feb. 18, 1856, d. Oct. 22, 1886. *Richard Fay*, d. young. *Lee Fay*, b. April 2, 1865.

LANE. "The Lane family is very ancient. One went over to England with William the Conqueror in 1066."

Job Lane, or **Laine**, son of James of Hertfordshire, Eng., came to America in 1635, was one of the first settlers of Billerica, and his descendants formed one of the most numerous and influential families in that town and Bedford.

Various genealogical notices of the family have appeared before the public, but disagreeing in details of family history.

Job Lane¹ was interested in the settlement of Rehoboth (Seconk), on the 3d of July, 1644, where he drew a household, No. 28. His estate was then valued at £50.

If this Job was the one of Bedford's early interests, he soon returned to England; for in 1647 "he was appointed by his kinsman, Thomas Howell of Marshfield, as executor of his will."

He returned about 1650, and resided in Malden in New

England. If this Job was not the head of the Bedford family, he may have been the one by that Christian name who began life here later, and will be considered as the head of the second Job Lane family, which seems to have been distinct from the one that has been represented here during the entire history of the town.

Job Lane¹ was a master carpenter and housewright, and pursued that business extensively.

There were two others of the name of Lane early in this country, William and James. William came over in 1636, with William Reed and others, in what is known as the second immigration. James was brother of Job, as is shown by the following, under date of May 19, 1660: "I James Lane of Malden Middlesex County, Turner, have constituted my well beloved brother Job Lane, of same Malden, my true and lawful attorney in my name and stead to act," &c. They were sons of James of England. Job Lane was made freeman in 1636, built the first meeting house in Malden in 1638, and contracted for the building of a bridge over Concord River, to be completed, "with abutments at each end suitable for the passing over with carts," before the close of the year 1639.

Job,¹ b. 1620, m. Sarah, who d. May, 1658; m. 2d, July, 1660, Hannah, dau. of Rev. John Rayner, pastor of the church at Dover. He d. Aug. 23, 1697; she d. April 30, 1704. Ch. *Sarah*, m. April 23, 1673, Samuel Fitch, d. Oct. 2, 1679. *Elizabeth*, b. 1656, m. Robert Avery. *Rebecca*, b. 1658, bap. at Dorchester, Aug. 4, 1658 (not mentioned in her father's will), d. 1659. By 2d wife, *h John*,² b. Oct. 1661, bap. in Dorchester "when about one-quarter of a year old, by reason of their living so remote." *Anna*, d. an infant. *Anna*, m. James Foster of Dorchester, d. 3 days before her husband, Sept. 29, 1732, aged 67. *Jemima*, b. Aug. 19, 1666, m. Matthew Whipple of Ipswich. *Dorothy*, b. July 24, 1666, m. Nov. 24, 1693, Edward Sprague (his birth is the first of the family recorded in Billerica). *Mary*, b. 1674, m. William Avery of Dedham.

Job Lane¹ removed to Billerica, and settled on the Gov. Winthrop farm, which he bought of Fitz John, son of the governor. The deed, dated Aug. 2, 1664, conveys twelve hundred and sixty acres, being the same granted to the eminent governor by the Colonial Court. (See Illustration.) Job Lane¹ paid for the farm £230, "current money," by building a house for Fitz John Winthrop at New London, Conn. He remained on the farm until the marriage of his son, John,² after which he returned to his Malden estate.

The Winthrop farm was found, by survey previous to the division among the heirs of Job,¹ to contain fifteen hundred acres. It was but a small part of his estate. The inventory was as follows: Estate in Billerica, £800; homestead in Malden, £225; tenements in Malden, £913; personal estate, £188 11s. 6d. — total, £2,126 11s. 6d.

In addition to the above, there was a large estate in England from which he received annual income. The English estate, in part, came by the second wife of Job.¹ It was inherited by the Rayner family, from a brother, Boyse, who was slain in the war of the revolution in the Parliament party, under Lord Fairfax, in a battle near Leeds, 1643. (See English Right.)

Job's house in Billerica was one of the four block houses ordered to be built by the General Court between Concord and Chelmsford, in 1673, during Philip's war.

Job Lane¹ represented the town in the General Court in

1678-9, and after his return to Malden represented that town in 1685 and 1693.

Sarah (Lane) Fitch died before her father, Job Lane,¹ and her portion of the Winthrop farm (one-fourth) was inherited by her son, Samuel Fitch, q.v.

Elizabeth (Lane) Avery is memorialized in King's Chapel, Boston, thus: "Robert II. son of Dr. William Avery of Dedham, b. about 1649, m. Elizabeth Lane, April 13, 1676. He d. Oct. 1722, in ye 73d year of his age. She d. Oct. 2, 1746, in ye 91st year of her age, leaving five children, thirty grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and two of the fifth generation." (Rev. John Avery, first minister of Truro, the son of Robert, b. Dec. 26, 1685, d. April 25, 1754, was also a practising physician.)

Jemima (Lane) Whipple died before her father, Job Lane,¹ and her portion of the Winthrop farm (one-fourth) was inherited by her son, Matthew.

John,² son of Job,¹ m. Mar. 20, 1681-2, Susanna Whipple of Ipswich. She d. Aug. 4, 1713; he d. Jan. 17, 1714-15. Ch. *Susanna*, b. Jan. 24, 1682-3, m. Nathaniel Page² *Job*,³ d. young. *Mary*, b. May 15, 1686, m. John Whitmore of Medford. *Jemima*, d. young. *h Job*,³ b. June 22, 1689. *h John*,³ b. Oct. 20, 1691. *Martha*, b. Oct. 1, 1694, m. James Minot, a noted schoolmaster of Concord, d. Jan. 18, 1735. *h James*,³ b. Jan. 12, 1696. *Joseph*,³ d. young.

John Lane² was colonel of the militia, and very active during the Indian alarms. He was appointed captain by Richard, Earl of Belmont, Oct. 4, 1699, and a major of the West Regiment of horse and foot militia, Jan. 22, 1711, by Dudley. The original commission is now among the Lane papers. (See Homesteads.) His property was inventoried, June 24, 1715, as follows: Real estate, £1,197 12s.; personal, £266 16s. 3d. Among the charges to the estate were funeral expenses, £38 5s., of which £10 was for gloves for the mourners. Sons Job³ and John³ were the administrators. The estate was conducted under the style of Job & John Lane.

Mary (Lane) Whitmore inherited the warlike spirit of her father, Col. John Lane.² (See experience of Mary Lane, and epitaph.) Her husband, John Whitmore, aided in defraying the charges of forming the town of Bedford. She had six children and a numerous posterity, some of whom settled in Bedford, N.H. Hon. William H. Whitmore of Boston is a descendant.

Job,³ son of John,² m. Dec. 1713, Martha Ruggles of Roxbury, who d. Sept. 14, 1740; m. 2d, Mary —. She d. Dec. 11, 1783; he d. Aug. 9, 1762. (See epitaph of Dea. Job.) Ch. *Martha*, b. June 22, 1716, m. Nathaniel Adams. *h Job*,⁴ b. Sept. 27, 1718. *h John*,⁴ b. Oct. 2, 1720. *h Timothy*,⁴ b. July 10, 1722. *Mary*, b. Feb. 24, 1725, m. Jonathan Hill of Billerica, d. May 24, 1772. *Whipple*,⁴ d. young. *Benjamin*,⁴ b. Aug. 29, 1729, d. Jan. 25, 1754. *Lucy*, b. May 3, 1732, m. Elijah Stearns of Billerica. Twin daus. d. young.

Job Lane³ was deacon from Feb. 9, 1738, till death, Aug. 9, 1762, and was commissioned a lieutenant of troops on April 16, 1724, by Gov. Dummer. He occupied the homestead on the Billerica road. He gave by will his estate in England to his son Job,⁴ and its equivalent in other property to sons John⁴ and Timothy⁴; to grandson, John Lane,⁵ "my old clock"; to granddaughter, "only child of my daughter, Martha Adams, the sum of £25 13s. 4d."; "to daughters Mary Hill and Lucy Stearns my lands in Hardwick."

John,³ son of John,² commissioned as captain in 1711, and later as major by Dudley, m. Dec. 31, 1714, Catherine Whiting, who d. April 1, 1731; m. 2d, Mar. 16, 1732, Hannah Abbott of Andover. She d. April 22, 1769; he d. Sept. 23, 1763. (See epitaphs of each.) Ch. *Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 14, 1716, m. Jeremiah Fitch of Bedford. *Catherine*, b. June 27, 1717, m. Benjamin Bacon. *Susanna*, b. April 8, 1720, m. Nathaniel Davis of Vermont. *h John*,⁴ b. July 1, 1722. *Matthew*,⁴ b. July 10, 1724, d. Aug. 5, 1741. *Samuel*,⁴ d. young. By 2d wife, *Hannah*,⁴ d. young. *h Samuel*,⁴ b. Oct. 21, 1737. *Matthew*,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1741.

James³ (Capt.), son of John,² m. April 30, 1719, Martha Minot, who d. July 3, 1762; m. 2d, Aug. 9, 1763, Cherry Wellington, who d. Dec. 17, 1764; m. 3d, May 22, 1766, Mrs. Abigail Farmer, who d. Feb. 25, 1773; m. 4th, Jan. 20, 1774, Mrs. Abigail Merriam, who d. Nov. 15, 1793. He d. April 11, 1783. Ch. *Martha*, b. Mar. 17, 1721-2, m. Samuel Dutton. *Rebecca*, b. Oct. 29, 1723, m. July 31, 1750, Benjamin Hutchinson, Jr., d. May 24, 1814. (See epitaph.) *h James*,⁴ b. Mar. 8, 1725-6. *Marcy*,⁴ d. young. *David*,⁴ b. Mar. 17, 1733-4, d. Sept. 29, 1750. He was a college graduate, and died abroad. *Love* and *Susanna*, d. young. *h Samuel*,⁴ b. July 14, 1737.

Job³ ("Jr."), son of Job,² m. Jan. 29, 1747, Susanna Fassett (dau. of Capt. Josiah), who d. Mar. 24, 1773; m. 2d, Jan. 15, 1777, Elizabeth Strickney. He d. June 11, 1796. Ch. *Susanna*, b. Dec. 21, 1747, m. Daniel Davis. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 13, 1749, m. Matthew Fitch. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 15, 1751, m. Nov. 26, 1778, Samuel Gilson. *Hannah*, b. Jan. 31, 1754, m. John Bacon. *Job*,⁴ b. June 13, 1756. "Ensign Job Lane" d. Dec. 22, 1788. *Amattia*, b. Feb. 9, 1759, m. Elijah Bacon; m. 2d, Benjamin Bacon. *Molly*, b. June 14, 1761, m. David Lane. *Bethiah*, b. Feb. 1, 1764, m. John Webber, Jr. *h Luke*,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1768. By 2d wife, *Fanna*, b. May 24, 1781, d. single.

Job Lane⁴ was wounded at Concord, April 19, 1775. He was pensioned by the government, and received consideration from the town.

John,⁴ son of Job,³ m. Ruth Bowman of Lexington, who d. Aug. 13, 1759; m. 2d, Mrs. Sarah (Abbott) Hildreth of Andover. He d. Dec. 7, 1789; she (Mrs. Sarah Parker) d. Mar. 5, 1814. (See epitaph.) Ch. *h John*,⁵ b. Dec. 7, 1746. *Francis*,⁵ d. young. *Francis*,⁵ b. Aug. 31, 1750, settled in Ashburnham. *Ruth*, b. April 8, 1752, m. Dec. 9, 1772, John Whitney of Littleton. *Benjamin*,⁵ b. Mar. 17, 1754, m. May 26, 1781, Anna Page; m. 2d, Isabella Hill. Lived at Ashburnham. *h Ziba*,⁵ b. July 3, 1756. *Esther*, b. Mar. 1, 1758, m. Sept. 25, 1778, Josiah Crosby of Amherst, N.H. By 2d wife, *Josiah*,⁵ d. young. *h Jonathan*,⁵ b. Oct. 15, 1763. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 1, 1765, m. Nov. 1, 1787, Timothy Stearns. Had 11 ch.

Timothy,⁴ son of Job,³ m. Mar. 7, 1750-1, Lydia dau. of Stephen Davis. He d. Dec. 3, 1793; she d. Aug. 31, 1801. (See epitaphs.) Ch. *Lucy*, b. Nov. 7, 1751, m. Nov. 23, 1775, Jonathan Putnam. *Elizabeth*, b. May 7, 1753. *h Stephen*,⁵ b. Aug. 20, 1755. *Anna*, b. Mar. 30, 1758, m. May 20, 1779, Ebenezer Gould of Chelmsford. *Lydia*, d. young. *Rhoda*, b. May 17, 1763, m. Feb. 12, 1789, Simeon Gould. *Pattie*, b. Nov. 8, 1765. *Nathan*,⁵ b. Feb. 11, 1768, d. Dec. 1, 1794. *Lydia*, b. Jan. 16, 1772, d. July 13, 1796.

John,⁴ son of John,³ inherited Thaddeus Davis' place from his father, and spent his life there, m. Oct. 28, 1747, Martha Flagg of Woburn. Ch. *Martha*, b. Aug. 13, 1748. *Matthew*,⁵ b. Oct. 8, 1750. *Gorham Flagg*,⁵ b. July 30,

1753. *Hannah*,⁵ b. May 13, 1755, m. John Bacon. (See epitaph.) *Hepsibah*, b. Aug. 30, 1761.

Samuel,⁴ son of John,³ m. Dec. 9, 1763, Elizabeth Fitch. He d. June 26, 1802; she d. Sept. 29, 1796. (See Homesteads.) Ch. *Hannah*, b. Feb. 26, 1765, m. Jonathan Lane,⁵ *Doreas*, b. Feb. 18, 1771, m. Nathan White. *Phoebe*, b. Feb. 12, 1773, m. David Lane. *Polly*, b. Aug. 15, 1776, m. John Stearns of Billerica.

James,⁴ son of James,³ m. Jan. 10, 1751, Mary Wellington. He d. Jan. 4, 1799; she (Mrs. Mary Moore) d. April 12, 1806. Ch. *Oliver Wellington*,⁵ b. Oct. 27, 1751, graduated from college in 1772, and settled in Boston,* d. Nov. 3, 1793. *James*,⁵ b. Mar. 10, 1754, m. 1805, Molly Pollard. He d. 1836; she d. 1848. *h Solomon*,⁵ b. Aug. 7, 1756. *h David*,⁵ b. Mar. 11, 1759. *Isaac*,⁵ b. May 13, 1766, d. May 24, 1803.

James Lane⁵ divided his lands between three sons who lived in Bedford. James⁵ had the portion which included the present Rodman estate, where he settled. Solomon⁵ had the homestead and dwelling where five generations were born (Coolidge place). David⁵ had the part which has descended through sons to Job B. (See Homestead.)

Samuel,⁴ son of James,³ eighth ch. of Capt. James³ and Martha Minot, m. Oct. 2, 1762, Ruth Davis, who d. Oct. 22, 1772; m. 2d, Jan. 6, 1774, Hannah French, who d. Sept. 29, 1799; m. 3d, May 21, 1799, Mrs. Frances Keel, who d. Sept. 19, 1807. He d. Jan. 26, 1802. Ch. *Josiah*,⁵ b. May 10, 1761, settled in Lancaster. *Rebecca*, b. Jan. 17, 1763, d. Nov. 27, 1791. *Ephraim*,⁵ b. Mar. 22, 1767, settled in Walpole, N.H. *Ruth*, b. Jan. 27, 1769, m. Nathaniel Brown. *Ebenezer*,⁵ b. May 14, 1771, settled in Cambridge. By 2d wife, *Daniel*,⁵ d. young. *Hannah*, b. April 6, 1776, m. Dec. 13, 1801, Isaiah Green of Carlisle. *Samuel*,⁵ b. Jan. 15, 1778, m. Lucy R. Jones, dau. of Timothy. Had 4 ch. b. here; removed to North Brookfield, where 3 were born. He d. Oct. 2, 1823. She m. 2d, Thomas Wilson of Mason, N.H., d. Jan. 8, 1864. Ch. David Woodward, a prominent man and noted teacher. Others have many descendants. *Patsy*, b. Aug. 9, 1780, m. Tilly Green of Carlisle. (See Elm Farm.)

Luke,⁴ son of Job,³ m. Mar. 24, 1791, Hannah Crosby of Billerica. He d. Aug. 27, 1801. She m. 2d, Nathan Dudley of Lexington. Ch. *Luke*,⁵ b. Sept. 9, 1791. (See epitaph.) *h Job*,⁵ b. Aug. 7, 1794. *h Seth*,⁵ b. Aug. 9, 1796. *Hannah*, b. May 4, 1799.

John,⁴ son of John,³ m. Nov. 25, 1773, Ruhamah Reed. He d. Feb. 22, 1808; she d. April 30, 1817. Ch. *Ruhamah*, b. Jan. 10, 1775, m. Amariah Preston, M.D., q.v. *Grace*, b. Dec. 22, 1777, d. Nov. 16, 1806. *Elijah*, d. young. *h Elijah*,⁵ b. June 21, 1780. *Eliot*, b. April 31, 1782, m. Asa Webber. *John*,⁵ b. July 5, 1784. *Almer*,⁵ b. April 18, 1786, d. Aug. 9, 1826. *Jesse*,⁵ b. Mar. 25, 1788. *h Amasa*,⁵ b. April 30, 1799. *h Roger*,⁵ b. 1796.

Ziba,⁴ son of John,³ m. April 1, 1778, Lydia Danforth. Ch. *Hannah*, b. Nov. 27, 1778. *Josiah*,⁵ d. young. *Ziba*,⁵ b. Jan. 31, 1782.

Jonathan,⁴ son of John,³ m. Feb. 1, 1787, Hannah, dau. of Samuel³ and Elizabeth (Fitch) Lane. He d. Mar. 4, 1808; she d. Mar. 9, 1848. *h Jonathan*,⁵ b. Jan. 27, 1788. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 11, 1789, m. Elijah Putnam, d. April 22,

* It is recorded that when George Washington visited Boston, after being chosen the first President of the United States, he was met at the foot of Cornhill by Master Lane and his school, each student carrying a large goose quill.

1874. *Josiah Abbott*,⁶ b. Aug. 17, 1791, m. Phebe Smith of New York, d. Jan. 15, 1860. *Arinda*, b. May 26, 1793, m. May 6, 1824. George Fisk of Amherst, N.H., d. Jan. 24, 1885. *Kollin*, d. young. *Sarah*, b. May 1, 1797, m. Ebenezer Hayward of Acton. *Sully*, b. 1801, m. Franklin Stearns. *Elizabeth* and *Myra*, d. young. *h George*,⁶ b. May 8, 1802. *Charles*,⁶ b. Aug. 4, 1804, m. 1827, Sarah B. Wheeler; m. 2d, 1843, Elizabeth Carleton of Dorchester. He d. Oct. 15, 1872. *John Samuel*,⁶ b. Jan. 15, 1808, m. 1834, Sally Ann Veniniya, d. July 21, 1850.

Stephen,⁷ son of Timothy,⁴ m. May 1, 1806, Mrs. Alice Abbott. He d. May 7, 1827; she d. June 25, 1855. Ch. *Lydia Harriet*, b. Mar. 20, 1808, m. John W. Hayward, d. Dec. 25, 1884. (See Sunny Side, in Homesteads.)

Solomon,⁷ son of James,⁴ at Concord fight and in the Continental army, m. May 20, 1781, Sarah, dau. of Rev. Josiah Stearns and Sarah Abbott. He d. Feb. 1, 1837; she d. Aug. 13, 1825. Ch. *Anna*, b. Aug. 19, 1782, m. Nov. 28, 1805, Samuel Dutton; m. 2d, Samuel Parkhurst. *Josiah*,⁸ d. young. *Josiah Stearns*,⁸ b. Nov. 11, 1787, m. Amelia Gragg of Groton. *Sally*, b. April 30, 1789, d. Nov. 17, 1854. *Enoch*,⁸ d. young. *h Oliver Wellington*,⁸ b. June 16, 1794. *Abigail French* and *Daniel*,⁸ d. young.

David,⁵ son of James,⁴ m. Oct. 11, 1781, Molly (dau. of Job Lane⁴ and Susanna Fassett), who d. Dec. 12, 1820; m. 2d, April 30, 1820, Phoebe (dau. of Samuel Lane⁴ and Elizabeth Fitch. He d. Sept. 10, 1842; she d. July 8, 1858. Ch. *Molly*, b. April 23, 1782, m. Thaddeus Wilson. *Susanna*, b. Oct. 14, 1785, m. Samuel Hastings of Waltham. *Job*,⁶ b. April 3, 1789, d. Nov. 15, 1814. *Amitia Bacon*, b. July 26, 1793, d. Sept. 13, 1842. *h David*,⁶ b. Sept. 7, 1796. *James*,⁶ b. July 15, 1799, d. Dec. 11, 1859. *Sylvana*, b. Sept. 17, 1801, m. Benjamin Bacon.

Job,⁶ son of Luke,⁵ m. Aug. 16, 1815, Mary Hadley. He d. 1830; she d. 1866. Ch. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 3, 1816, m. Jephtha Parkhurst, d. 1852. *Oliver M.* b. April 9, 1817, d. 1881. *Hannah A.* b. 1818, m. Charles C. Corey. *Andrew W.* b. 1820, d. 1842. *William*,⁷

Seth,⁶ Ch. *Emeline*, b. Jan. 27, 1829. *Reuben Bacon*, b. Jan. 18, 1831. *Alonzo*, b. July 5, 1838.

Eliab,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Mar. 21, 1802, Anna Wellington, who d. May 30, 1844; m. 2d, Mrs. Sally Reed. He d. Jan. 9, 1853. Ch. *Eliot Ann*, b. May 17, 1804, m. William Everett. *h Abner Bridge*,⁶ b. May 24, 1806. *Susan Grace*, b. Jan. 23, 1808, m. Nathaniel C. Cutler. *Catherine W.* b. Sept. 2, 1809, m. Silas Wilkins. *Galen*, b. April 24, 1811. *Mary Priscilla*, b. Oct. 12, 1812, m. Amos P. Cutler.

Amasa,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. July 4, 1822, Feulah Furham. He d. Aug. 11, 1865. She d. Aug. 23, 1891. Ch. *Levi Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 8, 1823, m. Jan. 9, 1843, Cyrus F. Crosby. *Sarah Ann*, b. May 29, 1829, m. 1849, George A. Sampson. *Reuben A.* b. Sept. 2, 1831, m. 1853, Mary L. Skelton. *George E.* and *Charles H.*,⁷ twins, b. Aug. 6, 1834; Charles d. Dec. 10, 1865. *Franklin S.* and *Lemuel B.*,⁷ twins, b. Jan. 30, 1838; Franklin S. m. 1868, S. Maria Hodgkins; Lemuel, d. May 22, 1866. *Caroline A.* b. Aug. 30, 1847, m. 1866 Charles J. Davis.

Of Amasa Lane's⁶ descendants in 1890 there were six children, thirteen grandchildren, and nineteen of the next generation.

Roger,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Zelima Bacon. He d. Dec. 21, 1853; she d. Feb. 29, 1856. Ch. *John Roger*,⁷ b. July 10, 1824. *Mary Maria*, b. July 7, 1826, m. Hiram Clark. *h George*,⁷ b. Aug. 7, 1827. *Eli*,⁷ d. young. *Caroline*, b.

May 5, 1831, m. Charles Fox, d. June 6, 1858. *Eli*,⁷ b. Mar. 3, 1833, d. May, 1857. *Emeline*, d. young. *Emeline*, b. Sept. 14, 1835, m. Asa Howland. *Susan*, b. Nov. 20, 1836, m. Bradley M. Clark; m. 2d, Joseph Litchfield. *Eliot*,⁷ b. Dec. 29, 1837, m. Cyrus Munroe, d. June 12, 1859. *Ames*,⁷ d. young. *Sophronia*, b. Sept. 21, 1840, m. Frank Gardner, d. Mar. 9, 1888. *Lavinia*, b. July 9, 1842, m. 1st John Kyle, 2d Nelson George, 3d Harry Rattenbury.

Jonathan,⁶ son of Jonathan,⁵ m. July 27, 1815, Ruhamah Page. (See Homesteads and epitaphs.) He d. Nov. 12, 1860; she d. June 19, 1882. Ch. *Ruhamah* and *Jonathan Abbott*,⁷ d. young (see epitaph). *Samuel Wright*,⁷ b. Aug. 2, 1820, d. Mar. 25, 1856 (see epitaph). *h Jonathan Abbott*,⁷ b. May 15, 1822. *Ruhamah Augusta*, b. 1824, m. Rev. Elihu Loomis, d. Feb. 24, 1867. *Henry Edward*,⁷ and *Sarah Ann*, d. in infancy.

George,⁶ son of Jonathan,⁵ m. 1826, Lucy Maria Dunn; m. 2d, 1831, Sarah H. Berry of Maine. He d. Feb. 11, 1882. Ch. *Frances Maria*, b. Aug. 26, 1827, d. June 3, 1885. *Lucy Miranda*, d. young. By 2d wife, *Charles DeWitt*,⁷ b. Feb. 2, 1833, m. June 20, 1865, Josephine Belle Baker. *Elizabeth Nickerson*, b. Nov. 2, 1835, m. Oct. 30, 1860, Charles A. Church. *Ellen Watson*, b. Feb. 25, 1839. *Richard Byron*,⁷ b. Feb. 10, 1843, d. Sept. 30, 1881. *Frank Ernest*, d. young.

Oliver Wellington,⁶ son of Solomon,⁵ m. July 23, 1818, Catherine Walton, who d. July, 1841; m. 2d, Feb. 26, 1843, Mrs. Harriet Winn. He d. Aug. 1877; she d. June 6, 1869. Ch. *Sarah E.* b. Nov. 27, 1818, m. Henry Goodwin. *Mary W.* b. Mar. 31, 1820, m. Sept. 26, 1841, George W. Briggs, d. April 4, 1866. *h William A.* b. Mar. 12, 1822. *Catherine A.* b. Dec. 4, 1823, m. Joseph H. Goodwin. *Abigail R.* b. June 3, 1826, m. Samuel Wilson, d. June 29, 1854. *h Oliver J.* b. Jan. 29, 1828. *Laura Ann*, d. young. *Laura Ann*, b. May 1, 1834, m. Samuel Wilson, d. June 15, 1863. *h Samuel L.* b. Feb. 24, 1838. *Henry Francis*, d. young.

David,⁵ son of David,⁴ m. Jan. 26, 1826, Betsey B. Simonds. He d. Jan. 19, 1853; she d. Dec. 15, 1868. Ch. *Mary Ann*, b. Aug. 2, 1826, m. William Kelsea, d. July 29, 1875. *h Job Blanchard*,⁶ b. Oct. 18, 1828. *Maria S.* and *Caroline E.*, twins, b. Oct. 10, 1833; Maria S. m. May, 1854, George Isaacs, d. Mar. 31, 1872; Caroline E. m. Nev. 29, 1853, Fairfield R. Davis.

Abner Bridge,⁵ son of Eliab,⁶ m. Lydia Bailey. He d. July 23, 1884; she d. Oct. 1890. Ch. *h George*,⁶ b. Oct. 26, 1849, m. Sarah M. Butters. *h Chandler*,⁶ *Henry*,⁶ d. Dec. 5, 1847.

William A.,⁷ son of Oliver W.⁶ m. Mary Wright, who d. 1852; m. 2d, Julia M. Houghton, who d. 1872; he m. 3d, Sarah M. Lane, d. 1887. Ch. *Mary Ella*, b. Feb. 25, 1849, m. Charles A. Corey. *William W.*,⁸ d. an infant. *Rosa Belle*, b. July 4, 1858, m. Wallace Ellithorpe.

Oliver J.,⁷ son of Oliver W.⁶ m. April 29, 1853, Mary A. Billings. Ch. *h John W.*,⁸ b. May 2, 1854. *Alice W.* b. Feb. 16, 1857, m. Aug. 29, 1883, James Stoddard, had Alice Lane, d. May 29, 1884. *M. Atha*,⁸ b. Dec. 18, 1859. *h Elmer A.*,⁸ b. Nov. 17, 1863. *Edith L.* b. Jan. 4, 1866.

Oliver J. Lane,⁷ is a carpenter and builder, often in town office, and has held the office of selectman twenty-five years.—the longest service of any one in the history of the town. He has served as moderator of more town meetings than any other citizen.

Jonathan Abbott,⁷ son of Jonathan,⁶ m. Nov. 13, 1851,

Sarah Delia, dau. of Rev. Benjamin F. Clarke. Ch. *John Chapin*,⁸ b. Nov. 8, 1852, m. Sept. 1883, Harriet Brewer Winslow. *Augusta B.* b. June 2, 1854, d. July 31, 1856. *Frederic H.*⁸ b. May 25, 1858. *Alfred Char.*⁸ b. Jan. 29, 1863. *Benjamin Clarke*⁸ b. Oct. 2, 1866. *Lucius Page*⁸ b. Jan. 7, 1872.

Jonathan Abbott Lane removed from Bedford to Boston when very young. He has been a successful merchant for many years, has been honored by elections to both branches of the state Legislature, and is a prominent man in business, philanthropic, and religious circles.

Samuel L.⁷ son of Oliver W.⁶ a carpenter (see military history), m. May 23, 1861, Frances Pinkham. She d. Jan. 11, 1877. Ch. *Arthur*⁸ b. July 21, 1865, d. July 7, 1879. *Ernest P.*⁸ b. Aug. 31, 1873.

Job B.⁷ son of David,⁶ m. June 17, 1862, Caroline P. Russell. He d. May 14, 1890. Ch. *Walter D.*⁸ b. Oct. 18, 1866.

George⁷ son of Roger,⁶ m. July 4, 1858, Laura A. Smith. He d. Oct. 18, 1859; she d. April 2, 1889. Ch. *William G.*⁸ b. May 14, 1859.

John W.⁸ son of Oliver J.⁷ m. Oct. 17, 1880, Mary M. C. Marble. Ch. *William Foster*⁹ b. May 11, 1882. *John Franklin*⁹ b. July 12, 1884, d. Mar. 17, 1890. *Oswald Stearns*⁹ b. Feb. 4, 1887. *Herbert Belling*⁹ b. Dec. 20, 1888. *Samuel Marble*⁹ b. Aug. 18, 1891.

Elmer A.⁸ son of Oliver J.⁷ m. Oct. 23, 1888, Nettie L. Adams. Ch. *Frank Adams*⁹ b. Sept. 16, 1889.

Willis G.⁸ son of George,⁷ m. June 23, 1881, Alice Copeland. Ch. *Maynor Wilfred*⁹ b. June 11, 1883. *Percy Howland*⁹ b. Mar. 5, 1887.

SECOND JOB LANE FAMILY.

The second family of Lane, with Job at the head, appears in the records of Billerica about 1700. The connection with the first Lane family is uncertain; but it is possible that he was a son of James, who was brother of Job of the Winthrop purchase. He is recorded in the early records of Bedford as Job Lane, Sr. (See Oak Grove Farm.)

Job¹ m. Mary, dau. of Patrick and Sarah Fassett of Billerica. (See epitaphs.) Ch. *Mary*, b. Nov. 18, 1706. *Joseph*² b. Dec. 11, 1708, m. Thankful Amsden, d. at Sutton, 1736; left son, *Joseph*, b. 1736. *Susanna*, b. Mar. 2, 1710-11. *h Job*² and *Elizabeth*, twins, b. Jan. 29, 1713-14. *Samuel*² b. April 7, 1716, d. Nov. 25, 1736. (See epitaph.) *Silence*, b. April 2, 1719. *Elizabeth*, b. Mar. 17, 1722-23.

Job² m. Sarah —. Ch. *Sarah*, b. Jan. 28, 1739-40. *Job*³ b. Feb. 14, 1741-2. *Jonathan*³ b. Feb. 3, 1743-4. bap. Feb. 5. *Samuel*³ b. May 6, 1746. *Mary* b. Mar. 16, 1747-8.

Job Lane³ was a college graduate (1764). The following is a translation from a Latin epitaph on a headstone erected over his grave at Hartford, Conn.: "Stop Traveller. Here, hark by, lyeth D. Job Lane, A.M., Tutor in Yale College, a man distinguished for his talents, sobriety, literary attainments, and piety. This perishable monument briefly witnesses to thee—That he was born in Bedford, A.D. 1741; That in Youth he was very fond of study; That in academic pursuits he surpassed others; That for three Years he earnestly preached the Gospel; That for two years he faithfully performed the duties of Tutor; That he was very dear to his parents; loved by his friends and all favorers of piety, and that deeply mourned by all he departed this life Sept. 16, 1768."

This family is found to be connected with the Lanes of the state of Maine.

LAWRENCE, Sylvanus, of Waltham, m. H. Melvina S. Reed, d. July 30, 1808. Ch. *h Charles F.* b. April, 1841. *Geor. e Otis*, b. Jan. 1843. *Frank L.* d. young.

Charles F. m. Esther Walker. He was in Battery C in the Union Army, in twenty-seven engagements, and escaped without injury. He d. Nov. 9, 1884. Ch. *Melvina A. b.* May 28, 1871, m. Edward Hunnewell. *Annie Winsup*, b. 1874, d. 1875.

LAW, Hiram, b. in Westminster, June 27, 1844, m. Oct. 15, 1871, Mary Elizabeth Dutton, b. in Chelmsford, Oct. 15, 1849. Ch. *Eugene Hiram*, b. Sept. 20, 1873. *Frederick Adams*, b. April 4, 1876. *Kenneth Rogers*, b. May 3, 1883. *Julia Ellen*, b. Jan. 8, 1886.

LITCHFIELD, Joseph, b. in Boston, June 14, 1815, m. Sept. 18, 1845, Theresa Webber, who d. Nov. 15, 1833; m. 2d, May 9, 1884, Mrs. Susan L. Clark. Ch. *Joseph Warren*, b. Sept. 11, 1847, m. Abbie Mitchell of South Paris, Me.; have Harry Warren and Edith Marion. *Marion T.* b. July 4, 1846, m. Henry M. Ames of Oswego, N.Y., d. at Pasadena, Cal.; have Nellie Theresa and Louisa.

LOOMIS, Elihu G. b. Oct. 22, 1832, m. April 11, 1882, Marian Hillhouse Fitch of Norwich, Conn. Ch. *Mary Fitch*, b. July 29, 1883. *Ralph Lane*, b. April 13, 1887. *Hubert Hillhouse*, b. Mar. 16, 1889. (See professional men.)

LYONS, William, came from Sudbury, settled on a portion of the Page estate, and built the present dwelling in 1885, m. Margaret Flannigan. Ch. *John Bernard*, b. May 30, 1853, m. Louisa Sexton of Boston. *Mary Jane*, b. Sept. 2, 1854, m. John F. Dowd of Concord. *William Joseph*, b. April 6, 1856. *Margaret Ann*, b. Nov. 17, 1857, m. Daniel Gorman of Lexington. *Sarah Frances*, b. May 30, 1859, m. William J. Neville of Lexington. *Elizabeth Agnes*, b. Nov. 12, 1860, m. William H. Bowler of Waltham. *Henry Dennis*, b. April 8, 1862. *George Augustus*, b. Feb. 14, 1864. *Edward Joseph*, b. Sept. 14, 1865, m. Sarah J. Lawler of Westvale. *Franis*, b. June 14, 1867, d. April 10, 1877. *Charles Augustus*, b. Sept. 13, 1868. *Ellen*, b. July 19, 1870, d. Sept. 25, 1871. *Emma Louise*, b. Sept. 20, 1875, d. April 6, 1877.

MANSFIELD, Joel, m. Maria Facon. He d. May 30, 1870; she d. Sept. 19, 1882. Ch. *Elbridge B.* b. Nov. 1847, d. Dec. 4, 1867. *Charlotte M.* d. young. *Emily F.* April 19, 1878.

MAXWELL, a family prominent in the early history of the town, but now extinct. **Hugh**, b. near Belfast, Ire., left his country because of religious persecution, and settled in Bedford in 1732. (See Homesteads.) He d. 1759. (See epitaph.) His wife d. 1769. Their son, **Hugh**, b. in Ireland, m. Iridget Munroe of Lexington, 1759; had 5 ch. Hugh and Bridget joined Bedford church "in full communion" in 1761, and dau. Hannah was bap. at same time. He became a famous warrior and military leader. At the time of his death (1799), he held commission of lieutenant-colonel. (See military chapters.) The following is from his journal: "My parents early taught me the principles of liberty and religion which have supported me through many difficulties and hardships."

Thompson,² son of Hugh,¹ b. at Bedford, 1742, m. 1763, Sybel Wyman of Lexington. He was famous in military life. (See military chapters.) He d. near Detroit, Mich., when past 90 years of age, having been pensioned with the rank of major. There are remarkable instances of lon-

gevity in the family, — William, d. at 95; Margaret, at 99; Hugh, at 67; Sarah, at 90; Benjamin, at 92; James, at 83; and Thompson, at 93.

McGOVERN, Terrance, from Ireland, settled on a portion of the Samuel Hartwell farm. He m. Jan. 6, 1860, Mary Calahan, d. July 13, 1887. Ch. *Mary*, b. Dec. 1861. *John* and *Lizzie*, twins, b. July, 1863. *James*, b. July, 1865. *Annie*, b. April, 1867. *Frank*, b. Nov. 1868.

John, from Ireland in 1853, settled on Samuel Hartwell farm in 1862. He m. Jan. 6, 1861, Winnie Whalin, who d. April 7, 1871; m. 2d, June 10, 1883, Ann McGuire. Ch. *Mary T.* b. Feb. 6, 1862, m. Thomas McDonough. *William*, b. July 1, 1863. *John*, b. Aug. 20, 1865. *James*, b. Feb. 22, 1867. *Annie*, b. Dec. 3, 1869. *Frank*, b. Mar. 26, 1871.

McGUIRE, Peter, settled in Bedford on Amasa Lane farm, m. Aug. 1850, Sarah Cosgrove. Ch. *Emily M.* b. June, 1860. *Mary A.* b. May, 1866, d. Nov. 1885.

MEAD, a prominent family in the early years of the town. Savage says Gabriel¹ was a freeman in 1638, and d. 1666, aged 79. His son, Israel,² b. 1639, m. Mary Hall, d. 1714. Their son, Stephen,³ b. 1679, m. Ruth Taylor in 1700, and had Joseph,⁴ b. 1712. He m. Elizabeth, th. dau. of Samuel and Eunice Fitch. They had Stephen,⁵ b. 1736, Joseph,⁶ b. 1740, and others. Stephen⁵ m. 1765, Desire Batchelder, widow of Joseph Brown, q.v. Their son, Asa, b. 1774, m. Nabby Eames of Woburn. They had 8 ch., of whom Asa⁶ is buried on the abandoned "Meads' Place," q.v.

MERRIAM. The Merriams were among the very early settlers of Concord, hence of Bedford. Robert, George, and Joseph — three brothers from England — appear as the ancestors of the family.

Joseph¹ is the head of the Bedford family. He was the last survivor of the trio, and d. Jan. 1, 1641. He m. Sarah ——. Ch. *Joseph²* b. about 1630, m. Sarah Stone. *John²* b. July 9, 1641. *William²* *Sarah*, and *Elizabeth* are others.

Joseph Merriam's¹ will, dated Dec. 29, 1640, mentions wife Sarah, brothers Thomas Flint, Simon Willard, and Robert Merriam, and son William. His widow m. 2d, Lieut. Joseph Wheeler, who purchased the estate of the heirs of Joseph Merriam.¹

The Bedford line is traced through John,² who was the second son of Joseph.¹

John² son of Joseph,¹ m. 1663, Mary Cooper. He d. Feb. 2, 1703-4; she d. Mar. 5, 1731, aged 85. Ch. *John³*, b. Sept. 3, 1666, m. Sarah Wheeler. *Joseph³* b. Aug. 15, 1667, m. Dorothy Brooks. *Anna*, b. Sept. 7, 1669, m. Daniel Brooks. *Nathaniel³* b. Dec. 16, 1672. *Samuel³* b. July 25, 1681. *Ebenezer³* b. —, m. Elizabeth Brooks.

One branch of the Bedford line descends through **Nathaniel³**, the fourth child of John.² He m. Nov. 18, 1707, Mary Taylor. He d. Dec. 11, 1738; she d. May 19, 1764. Ch. *Mary*, b. Dec. 22, 1702, m. Francis Wheeler. *John⁴* b. May 16, 1704.

Nathaniel Merriam³ was active in the incorporation of the town and in organizing the church. He was chosen deacon Aug. 4, 1730, and remained in the position till his death, Dec. 11, 1738. A silver cup in the communion service of the church is inscribed to the memory of Dea. Nathaniel Merriam and Mrs. Eunice Taylor. (See epitaph.) Nathaniel Merriam,³ by will, dated Oct. 18, 1738, proved Jan. 1, 1739, provided for wife Mary, and gave to

son John the residue, after paying legacies; and after the decease of his mother to have the entire estate.

John⁴ son of Nathaniel,³ m. Mar. 23, 1731, Abigail Howard, d. Sept. 20, 1767. (See epitaph of Lieut. John.) She m. 2d, James Lane, and d. Nov. 15, 1793. (See epitaph of 4th wife of James Lane.) Ch. *Rebekah*, b. Sept. 28, 1731, m. Joseph Stone of Framingham. *Mary*, b. July 25, 1733, m. Ephraim Crosby of Billerica. *John⁵*, b. Feb. 13, 1734-5. *Anna*, b. July 13, 1737, m. Thomas Page of Bedford. (See Anna Page's will.) *Nathaniel⁵* b. Dec. 15, 1739, d. in his majesty's service at Lake George, Sept. 1758. *Lydin*, b. April 6, 1742, m. Rev. Nathaniel Sherman. Three d. young. *William⁵* b. Aug. 25, 1750.

Abstract of John Merriam's⁴ will, made Aug. 11, 1767; To wife, Abigail, money and household goods and the improvement of certain parts of house, and my negro servant named Abraham to be at her own disposal agreeable to the term of his service. (See slavery.) To my sons, John and William, the residue of my estate after paying legacies.

John⁵ son of John,⁴ m. Dec. 4, 1760, Hannah Brooks of Lincoln. He d. Dec. 26, 1792; she d. June 8, 1829, aged 92. (She gave a silver cup to the church in 1818.) Ch. *Rebecca*, d. young. *Hannah*, b. April 14, 1764, m. John Reed. *Rebecca*, b. Mar. 25, 1766, d. Mar. 2, 1790. *Annie* and *Mary*, d. young. *John⁶*, b. Aug. 28, 1774.

William⁵ (Lieut.), son of John,⁴ m. Esther Pellamy (see epitaph); m. 2d, Mrs. Rebecca Fisk. Ch. *Ester*, b. Nov. 1, 1771, m. John Page. *William Bellamy⁶* d. young. *William Bellamy⁶* b. Feb. 2, 1779, m. Rebecca Whiting of Shirley. *Joseph⁶* d. young. *Joseph⁶* b. Mar. 10, 1785, m. Letsey Rand of Stow, d. at Westport, N.Y. By 2d wife, *Rebecca*, b. Nov. 23, 1786. *Anna P.* b. May 2, 1790, m. Caldwell Hindman of Boston. (See epitaph.) Had Anna, m. Kendall, live in Woburn. *Louisa H.* b. Oct. 2, 1792, d. young.

Lieut. William Merriam⁵ fitted for college, and entered Brown University, took part course, settled on the farm in Bedford; was town clerk, selectman, and deacon in church. His mind became diseased, and he killed David Bacon, who had been placed as keeper over him. He was dismissed from the arms of the law, and cared for by his son in New York, where he died.

John⁶ (Esq.), son of John,⁵ m. Dec. 3, 1799, Mary, dau. of Nathan and Mary (Page) Reed of Lexington. He d. Sept. 19, 1833; she d. Aug. 14, 1855. Ch. *John Eldridge⁷* b. Feb. 8, 1802. *John Augustus⁷* b. Dec. 20, 1803. *Mary Adeline*, d. young. *Hiram R.* b. Aug. 5, 1808, d. Mar. 29, 1848. *Mary A.* b. Jan. 28, 1812, m. Mar. 7, 1833, Joseph B. Hodgman, d. Feb. 12, 1843; left Charles Otis, who m. E. Fannie Clement, and d. Mar. 3, 1889. *Sarah F.* b. Oct. 20, 1818, m. Dr. Abel B. Adams.

John Merriam⁶ was a leading man in the town, and prominent in promoting its varied interests. He was a leader in laying out Shawshine Cemetery, and gave the sum of \$100 to aid the enterprise.

Eldridge⁷ son of John,⁶ m. April 15, 1823, Eliot Webber, who d. July 24, 1855; m. 2d, Mar. 23, 1856, Mrs. Sarah Brown. He d. Sept. 25, 1868. Ch. *John Eldridge⁸* b. Oct. 13, 1824, d. 1889. *Lucetta Eliot*, b. Nov. 9, 1827, m. Hiram Farmer. *Eveline*, d. an infant. *Lucy Eveline*, b. Jan. 11, 1835, m. George W. Cutler, d. Mar. 26, 1857. *Ann Mirvet*, b. July, 1838, m. Charlotte Gorham. *Nathan Albert*, b. Mar. 1840, m. Lucy P. Lincoln; 2 ch. died; she d. April,

1891. *Mary Adeline*, b. April 9, 1844, d. Jan. 15, 1863. ²By 2d wife, *Charles*, b. 1838, d. 1877.

John Augustus,² son of John,² m. April 14, 1830, Nancy Bacon. He d. Mar. 19, 1882; she d. July 20, 1878. Ch. *Maria Antonette*, b. Dec. 20, 1830, m. Daniel L. Shorey. *Nancy J.* d. young. ³*William A.* b. May 20, 1834. *Mary Jane*, b. Nov. 10, 1835, m. Amos Warren Proctor. *Edward Jerome*,³ d. young. *George H.* b. Jan. 22, 1840, d. Feb. 8, 1886. *John*,³ d. an infant. *Nancy*, b. Dec. 1, 1847.

Maria Anzoinette Shorey attended the district school, also a private school taught by Rev. George W. Woodward, the pastor of the Unitarian church in this town, and in the latter was inspired to press forward to higher attainments than were generally sought by her sex. The teacher, being associated with such educators as Samuel J. May and Horace Mann, was ahead of the times, but found in this young lady one who was ready to follow him. She studied six months at Lawrence Academy, Groton, and at the age of sixteen years began the profession of a public school teacher, which she followed with success until her marriage, in 1836, with D. L. Shorey, attorney at law, when she went to reside at Davenport, Ia. Two children, Paul and Martha Hall, were born to them during their residence of ten years in that town, after which they located in Chicago, where she has gained fame as a writer for magazines and various publications. She has studied in Europe, and perfected herself in the German tongue. Her son, Paul, a graduate of Harvard College (1878), studied in Germany, received the degree of Ph.D. at Munich, and is now (1891) professor at Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania, and a writer and lecturer upon the Greek and Latin classics.

William A.³ son of John A.² m. 1859, Mary Deckro. Ch. *Annie*, b. Aug. 1860. *Walter, Arthur, and Elizabeth*.

SECOND BRANCH OF BEDFORD LINE.

Samuel,³ son of John,² m. Sarah Wheeler. He d. Mar. 22, 1761; she d. Dec. 1, 1743. Ch. *Sarah*, b. April 1, 1713, m. David Wheeler. *Benjamin*,⁴ b. Aug. 5, 1717. ⁵*Nathaniel*,⁴ b. May 7, 1720. *Amos*,⁴ b. July 13, 1723, m. Hannah Danforth (?).

The will of Samuel Merriam,³ dated Nov. 28, 1758, gives to son Nathaniel land and buildings in Bedford, after paying debts, legacies, etc.

Nathaniel,⁴ son of Samuel,³ m. Olive Wheeler. He d. May 9, 1802; she d. Nov. 25, 1806. Ch. *Samuel*,⁵ b. Nov. 5, 1749. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 10, 1753, m. Zebulon Converse of Rindge. N. H. *Olive*, b. Mar. 1, 1763.

Samuel,⁵ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Feb. 21, 1785, Alice, dau. of Simon Newton and Amittai Fassett, and widow of Thomas Hadley. He d. Nov. 25, 1822; she d. 1836 (?). Ch. *Sally*, b. April 17, 1785, m. John Grover of Lexington. *Jeffries*,⁶ b. Aug. 22, 1787. *Mary*, b. April 4, 1791, m. George Pierce, had 7 ch., several of whom settled in Bedford; Mary m. Joshua Jackson of Bedford. *Thomas*, b. Jan. 29, 1793. *Lucy*, —. *Nathaniel*,⁶ b. June 23, 1795. *Hannah*, b. July 23, 1799, m. — Lock of West Cambridge.

The record of the marriage of Samuel Merriam and Alice Hadley has the following appended note: "Said Alice Hadley married in a borrowed suit of clothes." This probably arose from an idea that if a man married a wife, and had no property with her, he could not be held

responsible for her debts. Hence he took her without even the clothing she had on. — *Hudson*.

Jonas,⁵ son of Samuel,⁵ m. Nancy Pierce. He d. 1822; she d. 1817. Ch. *Isaac*,⁷ b. June 23, 1809 (deaf mute). *Adeline*, b. July 24, 1812, m. Sheubel Hatchelder; m. 2d, Thomas Work. *Mary Ann*, b. Mar. 17, 1817, m. Charles E. Carruth of Paxton.

MERRITT, Edward, m. Mar. 27, 1828, Betsey C. Tarbell, d. May 20, 1882. Ch. *George*, b. Mar. 21, 1830, d. Dec. 21, 1847. *Caroline*, b. June 4, 1832. *Ellen*, b. July 8, 1836, d. Oct. 16, 1839. *Emily*, b. July 26, 1838, m. N. S. Daniels, d. June 4, 1882. ²*Edward*, b. July 2, 1841, m. Mary Winchester; he was in Union army; d. July 24, 1889. *Helen*, b. Mar. 26, 1845, m. W. P. Putnam of Wilton, N. H.

MONROE, Jonas, of Scotch descent, son of Jonas and Sarah Henris of Carlisle, b. Mar. 17, 1795, came to Bedford about 1823, and entered the employ of Elijah Stearns, Esq., whose successor he became as a merchant. He m. Nov. 24, 1831, Abigail F., dau. of Rev. Samuel Stearns, who d. Jan. 1833; m. 2d, May 1, 1834, Mary A., dau. of Capt. Abner Stearns. He d. May 11, 1879. Ch. *Ellen Maria*, b. Aug. 30, 1832, m. John Clifford, d. Jan. 20, 1887. ²By 2d wife, ³*George Henry*, b. Nov. 15, 1835. ⁴*Jonas Edward*, b. May 4, 1837. *Caroline French* and *Catherine Frances*, twins, b. April 21, 1839; *Caroline* m. Charles E. Gleason; *Catherine* d. in infancy.

George Henry, son of Jonas, m. Oct. 11, 1871, Caroline M. Brower. Ch. *George H.* b. June 29, 1874. *Mary Ann*, b. Feb. 22, 1878.

Jonas E. son of Jonas, was in Union Army; m. Nov. 2, 1865, Ellen M. Butterfield. Ch. *Clara Josephine*, b. April 27, 1869.

Abel S. b. Oct. 1807, m. April 26, 1838, Sarah Wright, who d. Mar. 3, 1844; m. 2d, Dec. 1844, Caroline Bacon. She d. Jan. 31, 1860; he d. June 21, 1861. Ch. *Sophronia*, b. —, d. April 27, 1844. *George W.* *Sarah E.* b. Jan. 1846, m. Knowlton.

Jonathan, m. Almira Page. He d. Jan. 6, 1865; she d. April 13, 1872. Ch. *James*, b. 1829, d. Sept. 6, 1863. *Clariett*, m. Wesley Carvill.

James Monroe joined the Union army, Oct. 15, 1862, as a member of Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment. served a term of nine months, and died from disease contracted in the service of his country.

"Though not upon the battle-field
He breathed his latest breath,
For freedom and for country still
He died a hero's death."

MUDGE. The immigrant ancestor, Thomas, who was born in England in 1624, was in Malden, Mass., in 1657. The line of descent is as follows: Thomas,² b. 1624; John,³ b. 1654; John,³ b. Nov. 21, 1686, d. Nov. 26, 1762; John,⁴ b. Dec. 30, 1713, d. Nov. 26, 1762; Simon,⁵ b. April 8, 1748, d. Aug. 27, 1799; Simon,⁶ b. Sept. 2, 1775, d. Feb. 10, 1853.

William W. b. in Danvers, Mar. 30, 1821, m. April 26, 1848, Harriet, dau. of Jonathan and Rebecca Perry of Danvers, d. Dec. 8, 1884. Ch. *Rebecca F.* b. Jan. 23, 1849. *Elizabeth* and *Almira*, twins, b. June 10, 1851, d. in infancy. *William H.* b. June 15, 1853. *Harriet M.* b. July 27, 1857.

William W. Mudge⁷ settled on a part of the Merriam farm in 1836, where his family now live. He was often in town office, and was a member of the Evangelical church.

MYERS, Michael, settled in Bedford on a portion of the Page estate which had been occupied by John Davis. He m. Feb. 1878, *Lena Tigh*. Ch. *Mary*, b. Feb. 1879. *Sarah*, b. Dec. 1882. *Fannie*, b. Feb. 1886. *William*, b. July, 1888.

NEVILLE, John, m. April, 1850, *Maria Keane*, and settled on the Stephen Davis farm. (See Homesteads.) Ch. *Mary Ann*, b. Mar. 1850, d. Jan. 1878. *William J.* b. Feb. 1853, m. *Sarah Lyons*. *John Henry*, b. Dec. 1855. *George Martin*, b. Nov. 1857, d. 1861. *Ellen E.* b. Mar. 1860. *Sarah J.* b. June, 1863. *Hannah M.* b. Jan. 1866. *James F.* b. Mar. 1867. *Katherine C.* b. June, 1871. *P. Henry*, b. June, 1874.

PAGE, or PAIGE, Nathaniel,¹ was in Roxbury in 1686. He is thought to have been brother of Nicholas of Boston, 1665, who came from Plymouth, Eng. Gov. Joseph Dudley appointed Nathaniel¹ sheriff of Suffolk County. He bought land of George Grimes, and settled in Billerica (now Bedford) in 1688. (See Homestead.) He m. *Joanna*, and d. "12-02-93" (Apr. 12, 1692). Ch. *Nathaniel*,² b. about 1679. *Elizabeth*, m. John Simpkins of Boston. *Sarah*, m. Samuel Hill. *James*,² d. young. *Christopher*,² b. 1690-1.

1 Page¹ last will, dated April 11, 1692, approved

"1. Some of the items from the inventory are: "Iron work belonging to the saw-mill, £3 02s; 3 horses, £8; 24 sheep and lambs, £7; 9 milch cows, £20; 6 oxen, £22; 40 bush. corn, £4; farm buildings and all lands in Billerica, £225; a servant man, £15; a farm of 200 acres at Dedham, £30; a farm at Squabauge and Worcester, £10."

Nathaniel,² son of Nathaniel,¹ b. in England, and came to New England when about 14 years old. He m. Nov. 6, 1701, *Susannah Lane*, who d. 1746; m. 2d, 1748, *Mary Grimes*. He d. 1755. (See epitaph.) Ch. *Nathaniel*,³ b. Sept. 4, 1702. *John*,³ b. Oct. 11, 1704. *Christopher*,³ b. July 16, 1707. *Susannah*,³ b. April 29, 1711, m. Samuel Bridge of Lexington, d. 1735. *Joanna*,³ b. 1714, m. Josiah Fassett.

Christopher,² son of Nathaniel,¹ m. *Joanna* —, who d. Oct. 27, 1719; m. 2d, May 23, 1720, *Elizabeth*, dau. of Dea. George Reed of Woburn. He d. in Hardwick. Mar. 10, 1774; she d. 1786. Ch. *Joanna*,³ b. Aug. 10, 1717, m. Benjamin Farley. *Christopher*,³ b. June 11, 1721, m. Rebecca Haskell. *William*,³ b. May 2, 1723, m. Mercy Aiken. He d. Feb. 14, 1790; she d. Feb. 19, 1823, aged 102 years. *George*,³ b. June 17, 1725, m. Rosilla Whitcomb, d. 1781. *Timothy*,³ b. May 24, 1727, m. Mary Foster of Rochester. He d. Aug. 26, 1791; she d. July 21, 1825, aged 93 years. His son, Timothy, was the father of Rev. L. K. Page, the historian of Cambridge. *Jonas*,³ b. Sept. 19, 1729. *Elizabeth*,³ b. Oct. 3, 1731. *Lucy*,³ b. Feb. 22, 1733-4, m. Seth Lincoln of Newton. They were born in Hardwick. *Nathaniel*,³ b. May 12, 1736, d. Jan. 6, 1816. *John*,³ b. July 6, 1738, d. April 14, 1811. *Elizabeth*,³ b. June 7, 1743, m. Solomon Green of Leicester.

Nathaniel,³ son of Nathaniel,² m. *Hannah Blanchard*. She d. 1763; he d. 1779. Ch. *Thomas*,⁴ b. May 5, 1733. *Hannah*,⁴ b. May 15, 1736, m. Jonas French. *William*,⁴ b. Feb. 19, 1737-8. *David*,⁴ b. April 4, 1740. *Susanna*,⁴ b. Jan. 22, 1742, d. Jan. 26, 1772. *Abigail*,⁴ b. Sept. 5, 1745, m. Bowman Brown.

John,³ son of Nathaniel,² m. Dec. 31, 1739, *Rebecca Wheeler*, who d. July 12, 1755; m. 2d, Jan. 15, 1756, *Amitai Fassett*, who d. Dec. 25, 1771; m. 3d, June 3, 1773,

Rachel, widow of Joseph Fitch. He d. Feb. 18, 1782; she d. Jan. 26, 1801. Ch. *John*,⁴ b. Sept. 2, 1733, settled in Hardwick, founded a numerous family, and d. Oct. 31, 1789. *James*,⁴ b. May 12, 1735, d. 1817 in Hardwick. *h Ebenezer*,⁴ b. June 3, 1737. *Susanna*,⁴ d. young. *h Timothy*,⁴ b. June 11, 1741. *h Nathaniel*,⁴ b. June 20, 1742. *Rebecca*,⁴ b. Aug. 23, 1743, m. Solomon Cutler of Rindge, N.H. *Mary*,⁴ d. young. *Joanna*,⁴ b. June 15, 1746, m. Samuel Reed of Woburn. *Sarah*,⁴ b. June 8, 1747, m. Josiah Beard. *Elizabeth*,⁴ b. Aug. 3, 1748, m. Micha Reed. *Susanna*,⁴ b. June 12, 1750, m. Amos Haggitt of Concord. *Samuel*,⁴ b. Aug. 1, 1751, lived in New Hampshire. *Mary*,⁴ d. an infant.

John Page³ was a man of great stature, and was in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. He aided in capturing six regulars in Lexington, April 19, 1775.

Christopher,³ son of Nathaniel,² m. 1742, *Mrs. Susannah* (Whitmore) Webber of Medford, dau. of John Whitmore. He d. Nov. 11, 1786; she d. July 20, 1792. Ch. *Christopher*,⁴ b. Oct. 29, 1743, m. Lydia Jaquith; m. 2d, *Mrs. Minot*. Had no issue. He was at Concord fight. *Mary*,⁴ b. Feb. 20, 1746-7, m. Dea. Nathan Reed of Lexington. Four ch. d. young (see epitaphs).

The deaths of children in this family, and also in the Whitmore family connected with it, were from the epidemic, thus described: "The amazing rapidity with which it spread through the country resembled more a storm agitating the atmosphere than the natural progress of disease. . . . Almost a whole city or town or neighborhood became affected with its influence in a few days."

Thomas,³ son of Nathaniel,² m. Jan. 1, 1756, *Anna Merriam*. He d. July 31, 1809; she d. July 10, 1810.

She gave by will a silver flagon to the church that cost \$140; also the foundation of the "Page and Hartwell Fund."

William,⁴ son of Nathaniel,³ m. Dec. 8, 1763, *Patte Hill*. He d. Feb. 10, 1812; she d. April 14, 1809.

He gave the first bearse to the town, and made public bequests. His residence was near the Concord line.

David,⁴ son of Nathaniel,³ known as "King David," because of his lordly manner and adherence to the Continental costume, m. *Abigail Jones*. He d. Jan. 11, 1819. Ch. *David*,⁵ b. Feb. 7, 1767. *Hannah*,⁵ b. Mar. 11, 1773.

Ebenezer,⁴ son of John,³ m. Feb. 21, 1760, *Dorothy Pollard*, widow of Joseph Fassett, who d. Feb. 6, 1779; m. 2d, Dec. 4, 1781, *Susannah Simonds* of Woburn. He d. June 19, 1784. Ch. *Anna*,⁵ b. Sept. 29, 1760, m. Benjamin Lane. *Rebekah*,⁵ b. June 9, 1763, m. Jonathan Wilson; m. 2d, William Porter. *Ebenezer*,⁵ b. Mar. 30, 1765. *h John*,⁵ b. Feb. 8, 1767. *Dolly, Moses, and Lucy*,⁵ d. young. *Molly*,⁵ b. July 24, 1774. *h Joshua*,⁵ b. Jan. 18, 1779. By 2d wife, *h William*,⁵ b. Mar. 19, 1783. *h Moses*,⁵ b. Oct. 9, 1784. *Lucy* (not recorded), m. Matthew Hayward of Boxboro. (See Hayward family.)

Timothy,⁴ son of John,³ m. Margaret Wellington, d. Oct. 25, 1776. She m. 2d, *Asa Fassett*, d. Oct. 25, 1804. Ch. *Joseph W.* b. May 16, 1767. *Doreus*,⁵ b. April 22, 1775, m. *James Wright*.

Timothy Page⁴ was in the war of the Revolution from the opening scene until his death at the battle of White Plains, N.Y. (See military section.)

Nathaniel,⁴ son of John,³ a Minute Man of Bedford, m. Dec. 15, 1774, *Sarah*, dau. of *James Brown*. He d. July, 1819; she d. Aug. 22, 1839. Ch. *h Nathaniel*,⁵ b. Oct. 25,

1775. *Sarah*, b. May 22, 1777, m. Samuel Randall. *h Timothy*,⁶ b. Jan. 29, 1779. *h John*⁶ and *Benjamin*,⁶ twins, b. Mar. 3, 1781. *Christopher*⁶ and *h Thomas*,⁶ twins, b. Dec. 10, 1784; *Benjamin* settled in Foxboro, Mass., and d. May 4, 1840. *h Thaddeus*⁶ and *Ruhamah*, b. May 1, 1788; *Ruhamah* m. Jonathan Lane. (See Lane family.)

*John*⁶ (Capt.), son of Ebenezer,⁴ a carpenter and builder, m. Feb. 14, 1792, *Esther* (Merriam). He d. June 29, 1848; she d. Dec. 21, 1832. Ch. *Clariet*, b. May 4, 1794. *Esther Bellamy*, b. Feb. 12, 1796, m. Asa Reed. *Almira*, b. Dec. 26, 1797, m. Jonathan Munroe. *Aiza*,⁶ b. Aug. 9, 1800, m. Elizabeth T. Currier, d. in Billerica, Feb. 18, 1868. *Bellamy*,⁶ b. Dec. 5, 1802, d. Nov. 29, 1881. *Louisa H.* b. July 17, 1806. *Anna Priscilla*, b. April 9, 1808.

Joshua,⁶ son of Ebenezer,⁴ m. Sally Davis, who d. Nov. 25, 1814; m. 2d, Elsey Gault; m. 3d, Nancy Gault; m. 4th, Betsey May; m. 5th, Mary A. Robbins. He d. Nov. 27, 1842. Ch. *Sarah Eveline*, d. young. *Sally Maria*, b. Nov. 20, 1814, m. Ezra A. Corson. *Mary Ann*, b. Aug. 13, 1816, m. Orville Tyler. *Dolly Eveline*, d. an infant. *Harriet Jane*, b. June 28, 1823. *Asenith Gault*, b. Aug. 20, 1824. *Nancy Waterman*, b. April 16, 1826, m. — Pillsbury. *Lucretia*, b. Aug. 25, 1829.

William,⁶ son of Ebenezer,⁴ m. Lucy Simonds. He d. in Somerville; she d. Dec. 14, 1849. Ch. *Moses*,⁶ b. May 16, 1816. *Susanna Simonds*, d. young. *Susanna Simonds*, b. Aug. 27, 1823, m. Albion S. Willard.

Moses,⁶ son of Ebenezer,⁴ m. Mrs. Hannah (Evans) Putnam. He d. Nov. 5, 1861; she d. Aug. 8, 1849. Ch. *Susanna*, b. April 12, 1828, d. Feb. 8, 1855.

Nathaniel,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Sept. 10, 1801, Lydia Fitch. He d. Aug. 30, 1858; she d. Jan. 24, 1852. Ch. *h Cyrus*,⁶ b. Nov. 26, 1801. *Fidelia*, b. July 9, 1803, m. Hiram Webber, d. April 5, 1834. *Isaac Fitch*,⁶ b. Aug. 30, 1805, d. Nov. 21, 1844. *Nathaniel*,⁶ d. an infant. *Nathaniel*,⁶ b. May 31, 1809, m. 1862, d. Aug. 5, 1880. *David*,⁶ b. Sept. 4, 1811, d. Dec. 6, 1872. *Benjamin*,⁶ b. Jan. 15, 1814, d. Jan. 15, 1848. *Samuel*,⁶ b. May 30, 1816, d. Jan. 31, 1839, a member of the junior class of Dartmouth College.

Timothy,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Isanna Harrington. He d. Dec. 26, 1860; she d. Aug. 2, 1861. Ch. *h Larkin Pierce*,⁶ b. Sept. 24, 1802. *h Timothy*,⁶ b. Dec. 18, 1809. *h Daniel Harrington*,⁶ b. Jan. 4, 1819.

John,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. June 5, 1810, Lucy, dau. of Dea. Moses Fitch. They both d. Feb. 1861. Ch. *Anna Reed*, b. Mar. 21, 1811, m. Jabez W. Burnham, d. Sept. 22, 1888. *h Benjamin*,⁶ b. Nov. 30, 1812. *Lucy Almira*, b. Jan. 14, 1815, m. Herbert Wyman of Woburn. *Rachel Lavinia*, b. Mar. 13, 1818, d. Sept. 8, 1888. She bequeathed \$500 to church in Bedford. *Mary Fitch*, b. Feb. 23, 1820, m. Charles H. Adams. *Sarah Brown*, b. Feb. 2, 1822, m. Benjamin F. Wyer of Woburn. *Martha Jane*, b. Oct. 28, 1824, m. Dea. Luther Richardson of Winchester. *Susannah Stearns* and *John Irving*, d. young.

Thomas,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Petsey Porter. He d. Aug. 22, 1860; she d. Mar. 12, 1867. Ch. *Isanna*,⁶ b. April 12, 1809, m. Caleb Sumner Brown, had 8 ch. and d. Dec. 1890. *Harriet*, b. April, 1813, m. William Green, d. Feb. 11, 1888. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 1817, m. Nov. 2, 1837, Nathan Taylor; m. 2d, Dec. 30, 1840, Joseph Hartwell.

Thaddeus,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Dolly Richardson. He d. Jan. 17, 1837; she d. Aug. 15, 1886, aged 100 years 6 months. One ch. d. young.

Cyrus,⁶ son of Nathaniel,⁴ m. Sept. 15, 1840, Susan E.

Hall, d. May 4, 1887. Ch. *Henrietta*, b. May 21, 1843, m. June 15, 1861, Augustus G. Davis, d. Nov. 2, 1881. *h Cyrus Andrew*,⁷ b. June 9, 1845. *Harriet F.* b. Nov. 13, 1847, m. Nov. 13, 1867, Charles E. Lauriat of Boston. *Isadora*, b. Oct. 22, 1850, m. Oct. 1, 1879, Dr. C. H. Brockway. *Nathaniel*,⁷ b. Nov. 1, 1854, d. Mar. 11, 1884.

*Larkin P.*⁶ son of Timothy,⁵ m. Dec. 3, 1829, Rebecca Hunt. He d. Sept. 17, 1871; she d. April 22, 1891. Ch. *h Charles Parker*,⁷ b. Aug. 31, 1830. *Eveline R.* b. Jan. 19, 1832, m. Lorenzo Harnard. *Caroline M.* b. Sept. 20, 1833, m. George Flint of Concord. *h Henry Larkin*,⁷ b. Jan. 10, 1836. *h John Flint*,⁷ b. Aug. 24, 1838. *Sarah Augusta*, d. an infant. *h Grosvenor Abijah*,⁷ b. Aug. 6, 1842. *Isanna*, d. young. *William E.* d. an infant. *Isanna H.* b. Dec. 7, 1852, m. Arthur B. Harvey.

*Timothy R.*⁶ son of Timothy,⁵ m. Feb. 27, 1834, Mary A. Hersey, d. Mar. 19, 1891. Ch. *Frances Victoria*, d. young. *Miriam Josephine*, b. May 24, 1837. *Thaddeus*,⁷ b. Jan. 28, 1839. *William C.* b. Aug. 8, 1841, m. Aug. 1867, Helen F. Leeds. He is a hardware merchant in New York City. *Frank H.* d. young.

Timothy R. Page was connected with the United States government twelve years, with the governor and council of Massachusetts twenty years, and with the city government of Boston twenty-eight years.

Daniel,⁶ son of Timothy,⁵ m. Nov. 27, 1845, Charlotte Heald, d. June 15, 1851. Ch. *George P.* *Fred.* *Frank E.*

Benjamin,⁶ son of John,⁶ m. Nov. 28, 1844, Lucy Barnard. He d. May 24, 1873; she d. Jan. 4, 1877. Ch. *Catherine A.* d. young. *John Adams*,⁷ b. Oct. 27, 1847, m. Annie Webb. *Mary Lyon*, b. June 6, 1850, spent some years as a teacher in Smyrna. *William Barnard*,⁷ d. young. *h Benjamin Irving*,⁷ b. April 11, 1855. *Lucy Fitch*, d. young. *Frederick Horlan*,⁷ b. Dec. 18, 1860, m. Grace W. Conant. *Anna Burnham*, d. an infant.

Cyrus Andrew,⁷ son of Cyrus,⁶ m. Feb. 2, 1885, Anna M. Phillips. Ch. *Phillips Ward*,⁸ b. Nov. 28, 1886. *Dorothy*, b. Nov. 11, 1889.

Benjamin Irving,⁷ son of Benjamin,⁶ m. June 2, 1881, Florence Noyes. Ch. *Irving Noyes*,⁸ *Lucy Simonds*. *Nathaniel Makepeace*,⁸ b. Dec. 25, 1889.

*Charles P.*⁷ son of Larkin P.⁶ m. Sept. 2, 1855, Anna M. Fish, who d. Sept. 18, 1877; m. 2d, Nov. 20, 1879, Mrs. Nancy McFarland. Ch. *George Albert*,⁸ b. and d. 1856. *Currie Susie*, b. Sept. 30, 1859, m. Walter Cowin. *Corea Adelle*, b. and d. 1868.

*Henry L.*⁷ son of Larkin P.⁶ m. Jan. 10, 1861, Lucy A. Wellington. Ch. *Fannie L.* b. Oct. 10, 1864. *Frank Wellington*,⁸ b. April 10, 1872.

*John F.*⁷ son of Larkin P.⁶ m. Dec. 6, 1870, Catherine E. Reed. Ch. *Marshall Reed*,⁸ b. Feb. 18, 1872.

*Grosvenor A.*⁷ son of Larkin P.⁶ m. Sept. 1882, Louisa A. Northrop of Vermont. Ch. *Charles L.*⁸ b. Oct. 5, 1884. *William L.*⁸ b. Oct. 6, 1887. (See military history.)

PARKER, William, son of Levi and Hannah (Geddings) Parker, b. in Lunenburg, Aug. 7, 1813, m. May 7, 1837, Mary E. (dau. of Warren Maynard and Nancy Holden), who was b. in Sudbury, Jan. 23, 1817. They settled in Bedford in 1842. He d. Feb. 18, 1889. Ch. *William L.* b. May 14, 1838. *Albert F.* b. Sept. 20, 1840, d. Feb. 24, 1873. *Adelaide E.* b. Mar. 19, 1843, d. Sept. 26, 1851. *Lillie H.* b. April 28, 1846, d. Nov. 16, 1889. *Minnie E.* b. May 28, 1853. *George M.* b. July 24, 1856.

POLLARD, Oliver,¹ m. Feb. 1735-6, Hannah Hill. Ch. *Oliver*,² b. 1736-7, and others.

Oliver,³ m. 1777, Mary Hill. (See epitaphs.) Ch. *Oliver*,³ *Jane*, m. Thomas Smith, d. 1868. *Obadiah*,⁴ *Mary*, m. Rev. William Gragg.

There were others of the name. Walter was a tavern keeper, q.v. The family is now extinct.

PORTER, Joseph, m. Bethiah Batchelder of Danvers, and settled here. (See Homesteads, old sites.) He d. July 13, 1770. Ch. *Molly*, b. April 23, 1743. *Bethiah*, b. Nov. 18, 1744. *Israel*, b. Sept. 2, 1746, settled in Cambridge as a tavern keeper. *Joseph*, b. Sept. 6, 1748, d. Aug. 14, 1770. *Femina*, b. July 8, 1750. *Desire*, b. Feb. 11, 1752. m. Abraham Brown of Brookline. *Edith*, b. Mar. 1, 1754. m. William Caldwell; m. 2d, — Pollard. *Sarah*, b. Sept. 29, 1756, m. David Woolley. *William*, b. July 22, 1759. *Lydia*, b. Sept. 15, 1761. m. Benjamin Trask of Lexington. *Olive*, b. Dec. 2, 1765. m. Simon Hadley of Lexington.

William, m. May 4, 1779, Lucy Kibbey; m. 2d, Rebecca Page, widow of Jonathan Wilson. He d. Feb. 26, 1829: 2d wife d. Jan. 27, 1831. Ch. *William*, d. at sea. *Polly* (*Mary*), b. Sept. 28, 1781, m. Stephen Bacon. *Lucy*, b. Oct. 3, 1784, m. Samuel Sage. *Betsy*, b. July 1, 1786, m. Thomas Page. *Asa*, b. —. *Joseph*, b. 1790. (See epitaphs.) *Martha*, m. Bradley V. Bowers; m. 2d, Moses Simonds. *Sally*, m. Israel Porter Hadley. *Nancy*, m. Edward Flint of Concord. By 2d wife, *Rebecca P.* b. Nov. 15, 1798, m. Thompson Bacon, Jr.

Asa, m. June 17, 1817, Mary Mulliken of Concord, d. Dec. 25, 1825 (?). Ch. *Joseph Mulliken*, b. Nov. 24, 1819. *Mary Rebecca*, b. Aug. 25, 1821.

PUTNAM, John,¹ and wife, Priscilla, the immigrants, came from Bucks County, Eng., to Salem, about 1640. Three sons came with them. *Thomas*,² b. 1618, was grandfather of Maj.-Gen. Israel Putnam⁴ of Connecticut. *Nathaniel*,² b. 1621, was grandfather of Israel⁴ of Bedford (see Homesteads, and epitaphs), who m. July 22, 1722. *Sarah*, dau. of Jonathan Bacon. *Israel*,⁵ b. Mar. 20, 1722-3, m. Sarah Hutchinson, had 5 ch. *Benjamin*,⁵ b. Aug. 2, 1725, m. Eunice Rea; m. 2d, Rebecca Farley, had 1 ch. *Jonathan*,⁵ b. July 16, 1727, m. Hannah Melvin of Concord, had *Mary*, b. 1750.

Jonas, of Roxbury, m. Mar. 14, 1811, Hannah Evans. (See Samuel Hartwell homestead.) He d. Mar. 18, 1818. She m. 2d, Moses Page, and d. Aug. 8, 1849. Ch. *Jonas*, b. Aug. 23, 1811, m. Emeline Tenny. He d. May 30, 1868; She d. Nov. 27, 1880. *Samuel Hartwell*, b. 1815. *Lucy Desire*, b. 1817.

William A. m. July 2, 1846, Mary Ann Smith of Westford and settled in Bedford as a tavern keeper. He d. Mar. 1871. Ch. *Mary Augusta*, b. Oct. 24, 1860, m. Wallace G. Webber.

Mrs. Mary A. Putnam was the donor of the clock in the church tower.

REED, William and Mabel, were the immigrant ancestors who embarked from England in the "Defence," July 4, 1635, and reached New England Oct. 6 of the same year. They brought three children with them, viz., — George, aged six years, Ralph, aged five years, and "Justice" or Justus, aged eighteen months (according to Savage). They first settled at Dorchester, and in 1639 went to Scituate,

where he was constable in 1644. They firmly adhered to the rites of the church. He sent his wife from Scituate to Dorchester on horseback with an infant, Israel, to be baptized in 1644. In 1648 he purchased a farm of sixty acres in Woburn. They soon returned to England, where he died at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1656. He left a will, and Oliver Cromwell made his wife Mabel executrix on "the last day of October, 1656." She returned to this country, and lived at Woburn with her children. She m. 2d, Henry Sumners of Woburn, and d. June 5, 1690.

William and Mabel had nine children, of whom *George*² m. Oct. 4, 1651, Elizabeth Gennison, who d. Feb. 26, 1665. He m. 2d, Hannah Rockwell. He d. Feb. 21, 1706, aged 77 years.

William,³ seventh child of *George*,² b. Sept. 22, 1662, was a "captain" and a prominent citizen of Lexington, and lived on Bedford road. He m. May 24, 1686, Abigail Kendall of Woburn. She had extra fingers and toes, and from that blood the excrescence has appeared in recent generations of some branches of the family. He d. May 12, 1718; she d. Oct. 12, 1734. Ch. *Abigail*, b. May 29, 1687, m. Jonathan Fiske, and settled in Sudbury.

h William,⁴ b. July 18, 1693. *Mary*, b. April 8, 1695, m. Dea. John Stone, d. Oct. 1, 1772. *Benjamin*,⁴ b. Oct. 22, 1696, m. Rebecca Stone. *Samuel*,⁴ d. young. *Joshua*,⁴ b. June 20, 1702, m. Elizabeth Russell. *Hezekiah*, b. Dec. 10, 1705, m. Daniel Tidd.

William,⁴ son of William,³ "Esq. Reed," was prominent in town and church of Lexington, was captain of militia, and was in the French war in 1755. He m. about 1719 Sarah, dau. of John Poulter, and d. Feb. 11, 1778; she d. Nov. 25, 1769. Ch. *William*,⁵ b. Jan. 1, 1720, m. Abigail Stone. *Samuel*,⁵ b. May 4, 1722, m. Eunice Stone. *Sarah*, b. June 3, 1725, m. Benjamin Brown. *Mary*, b. May 10, 1728, m. William Bowman. *h Oliver*,⁵ b. Mar. 25, 1730. *h John*,⁵ b. May 28, 1731. *Hammon*,⁵ b. April 28, 1734, m. Betty Simonds. *Eliot*,⁵ b. April 28, 1737, m. Joseph Bridge. *Hannah*, b. Oct. 21, 1740, m. John Bridge. *Nathan*, b. Nov. 9, 1743, m. Mary Page.

Oliver,⁵ son of William,⁴ m. April 11, 1754, Sarah Bridge, and d. Sept. 18, 1811. Ch. *h Oliver*,⁶ b. Dec. 11, 1755. *Sarah*, b. Oct. 4, 1757. *h Reuben*,⁶ b. Dec. 21, 1759. (See Homesteads.) *Mary*, b. Sept. 12, 1763, m. Abner Ball.

Oliver,⁶ son of Oliver,⁵ m. May 18, 1786, Betty Abbott, who d. Oct. 22, 1802; m. 2d, Sept. 2, 1810, Mary Fitch, who d. May 31, 1812. He d. Aug. 15, 1837. Ch. *h Nathan Oliver*,⁷ *Mary Elizabeth*, twins, b. Feb. 6, 1812. *Mary Elizabeth* m. Jarvis Mansfield.

Reuben,⁶ son of Oliver,⁵ settled in South Bedford on farm now owned by C. L. Wait. He m. Mary Wilson, and d. Feb. 1, 1815; she d. July 14, 1843. Ch. *h Lot*,⁷ b. Jan. 19, 1792. *Mary*, b. Sept. 19, 1793, d. 1814. *Sally*, b. Dec. 3, 1795, d. Mar. 12, 1870. *Isaac*,⁷ b. Feb. 24, 1798. *h Jesse*,⁷ b. Jan. 31, 1800. *Louisa*, b. Feb. 22, 1802, m. Elbridge Bacon. *Betsy*, d. young. *Hiram*,⁷ b. Jan. 31, 1808. *Betsy*, b. Jan. 6, 1811, m. April 26, 1835, Rodney Clement; m. 2d, Nathaniel C. Cutler.

Nathan Oliver,⁷ son of Oliver,⁶ had the homestead, where he spent his life, q.v. He m. Dec. 18, 1834, Martha S. Fitch, who died Mar. 22, 1841; m. 2d, Nov. 10, 1843, Mrs. Nancy Fitch (widow of Abel). He d. April 27, 1865. Ch. *Martha Fitch*, b. Mar. 2, 1841, m. William Thomas, of

Gladbrook, Iowa; by 2d wife, *Mary Caroline*, b. April 6, 1845. *h Nathan Henry*,⁸ b. May 25, 1848.

Nathan Henry,⁸ son of Nathan O.⁷ m. Clara Parker of Billerica. Ch. *Nathan Parker*,² b. Dec. 13, 1874. *Mary E.* b. June 7, 1877.

Lot,⁷ m. Lucretia Winship. He d. Sept. 25, 1821; she d. Feb. 24, 1871. Ch. *Lucieba U.* m. Enos Morgan. *Emily A.* m. Charles P. Robbins.

Jesse,⁷ son of Keuben,⁶ m. Oct. 28, 1819, Ruth Pool. He d. 1839; she d. 1874. Ch. *Amanda*, b. May 12, 1820, d. Sept. 15, 1846. *Malvina*, b. Feb. 5, 1823, d. July 18, 1844. *Mary*, d. young. *Hiram*,⁸ b. Feb. 2, 1828, m. July 8, 1886, Jennie M. Adams. *Laura J.* b. Mar. 7, 1835, m. Albert Buttrick.

Reuben,⁸ b. and d. 1840.

John,⁵ son of William⁴ and Sarah Poulter, m. Jan. 18, 1753, Ruhamah, dau. of Daniel and Eliot Brown. He d. Nov. 20, 1805; she d. Jan. 9, 1798. Ch. *Ruhamah*, b. Dec. 11, 1753, m. John Lane, 3d. *h John*,⁶ b. June 9, 1758. *Grace*, b. April 26, 1760, d. Sept. 16, 1778. *h Roger*, b. June 14, 1762. *Eliot*, b. Oct. 22, 1764, d. Aug. 24, 1780. *h Poulter*,⁶ b. Feb. 18, 1767. (See Dominie Manse, in Homesteads.) *Hannah*, b. July 8, 1769, m. Joseph Colburn.

John,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Dec. 1, 1785, Hannah Merriam, dau. of John.⁵ He d. 1805; she d. 1839. Ch. *Anna*, b. July 2, 1787, d. Nov. 18, 1808. *h Otis*,⁷ b. Mar. 27, 1791. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 6, 1795, m. — Swain, d. Mar. 24, 1823. *John*,⁶ b. April 10, 1798, d. May 13, 1819.

Hannah Reed, wife of John,⁶ gave the principal part of the communion service to the church connected with the Trinitarian Congregational society, and the "Back Common" to the town.

Roger,⁶ son of John,⁵ had a share of the homestead, q.v., and m. Nov. 15, 1790, Sarah Webber. He d. June 8, 1844; she d. Feb. 8, 1849. Ch. *Sally*, b. Oct. 8, 1797, m. Alford Ritch. *Eliot*, b. Nov. 9, 1800, m. Charles O. Gragg.

Otis,⁷ son of John,⁶ m. Emily Winship. He d. 1829; she d. 1831. Ch. *Anna W.* b. Mar. 2, 1819, m. Thomas Stiles. *h Malvina Swain*, b. Sept. 21, 1824, m. Sylvanus Lawrence.

Poulter,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Sept. 1, 1789, Molly Hartwell, and settled in Littleton. Had 6 ch. Their son *John Poulter*,⁷ b. Dec. 22, 1805, m. April 4, 1832, Nancy Whitcomb, and settled in Bedford. After twenty-seven years they returned to Littleton, remained three years, and then settled in Lexington. John P. Reed was representative from Bedford in 1841 and 1843, and a man of influence and stability of character. Ch. *John Henry*, d. young. *Nancy J.* b. Oct. 4, 1835, m. Levi W. Webber. *John Morton*, b. Mar. 6, 1840, resides at Lexington.

David Reed,⁶ a descendant from William¹ and Mabel, was a tavern keeper, and prominent in military and town affairs, m. Jan. 9, 1772, Hannah Raymond, who d. April 29, 1790; m. 2d, 1791, Abigail Simonds, who d. Sept. 1, 1803; m. 3d, Mar. 28, 1804, Martha Simonds, who d. Jan. 31, 1834. He d. Jan. 6, 1832. Ch. *John*,⁷ b. 1772, d. 1846. *Polly*, b. 1777, m. Jonathan Lawrence. *Hannah*, b. 1784, m. Joseph Colburn. *h David*,⁷ b. 1787. By 2d wife, *h Benjamin*,⁷ b. 1793. *Nabby*, b. 1794, m. William Colburn. By 3d wife, *Susannah*, b. 1806, m. Albert Bacon.

David,⁷ son of David,⁶ m. April 23, 1812, Abigail Dan-

forth. Ch. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 3, 1813. *Hannah R.* b. Jan. 14, 1823.

Benjamin,⁷ son of David,⁶ m. April 7, 1817, Sally P. Danforth. He d. Nov. 2, 1838; she d. June 15, 1869. Ch. *h William D.*⁸ b. Dec. 16, 1817. *h David*,⁸ b. June 28, 1819. *Lucy Pollard*, b. Nov. 21, 1825, m. Eldridge Hartwell. *George W.*⁸ b. and d. 1828. *Sarah R.* b. April 1833, d. Oct. 7, 1846.

*William D.*⁸ son of Benjamin,⁷ m. April 20, 1843, Lydia S. Butters of Burlington.

David,⁸ son of Benjamin,⁷ m. April 15, 1848, Sarah Butters of Burlington. She d. Dec. 7, 1886. Ch. *George Fred*, m. Fanny Mason. *Ida May*, b. and d. 1863.

RICE, David, son of David and Sarah (Brown) Rice, b. Jan. 28, 1782, in Langdon, N.H. He came when quite young to Massachusetts, and learned the trade of a blacksmith, after which he settled in Bedford and followed that occupation. (See Industries.) He m. Abi Willis, who d. Oct. 30, 1820; m. 2d, Jan. 31, 1822, Mrs. Nancy Robbins, dau. of Jonathan and Rebekah Page. He d. Jan. 1849; she d. April 8, 1855. Ch. *Sarah*, b. June 22, 1811, m. Oliver A. Wilson. *Dorcas*, b. Jan. 13, 1813, m. Alexander Mann. Ey 2d wife, *h Richard*, b. Jan. 14, 1823, m. Stephen Hull.

ROBBINS, Parley, m. Jan. 23, 1814, Nancy Wilson. Ch. *Charles P.* m. Emily A. Reed, d. Sept. 6, 1876. *Ann*, m. Frederick Bacon, d. June 19, 1882.

ROBINSON, William,¹ resided on a farm of 200 acres in Cambridge. He was one of the original petitioners for the separation of "Newtowne" from Cambridge in the year 1678. He m. Elizabeth —, and d. about 1693. Ch. *Elizabeth*, *Hannah*, b. at Concord, July 13, 1671 (called Ann). She d. in Cambridge, Oct. 5, 1672. *William*,² b. July 10, 1673. *Mercy*, b. Aug. 7, 1676. *David*,² b. May 23, 1678, "lame and helpless in 1695." *Samuel*,² and *h Jonathan*,² twins, b. April 20, 1680. They were all living, except Hannah, when the will was probated in 1693.

Jonathan,² son of William,¹ m. Ruth —. He d. 1753; she d. April 25, 1750. Ch. *h Jonathan*,³ b. Feb. 21, 1706-7. *Ruth*, b. Jan. 29, 1708-9. *Abigail*, b. Feb. 4, 1710-11, m. Nathaniel Bacon of Lexington. *James*,³ b. Aug. 30, 1715, m. Anna Trask. *Lydia*, b. Aug. 29, 1718, m. Caleb Simonds. *Hannah*, b. Jan 8, 1720-21.

Jonathan Robinson² is thought to have m. Ruth Cutler of Cambridge, dau. of Richard, in whose will, made in 1693, is the following: "For the two Robinsons, grandsons to the deceased." (This was found in papers left by Jonathan Robinson.) Isaac Powers of Cambridge sold to Jonathan Robinson of Cambridge, weaver, in 1706, a lot of land at Cambridge farms (Lexington). Jonathan was tything-man in 1735, and in 1744 was on a committee to "dignify and seat the meeting-house."

Jonathan,³ son of Jonathan,² m. Elizabeth —. He d. 1748. Ch. *Elizabeth*, b. June 20, 1732. *Jonathan*,⁴ b. Sept. 29, 1733. *h Jacob*,⁴ b. Feb. 3, 1738-9. *Submit*, bap. July 17, 1743.

Jacob,⁴ son of Jonathan,³ m. Elizabeth Draper. They were admitted to church Mar. 21, 1775. He d. June 18, 1776; she d. Sept. 24, 1830. Ch. *Jacob*,⁵ b. Oct. 28, 1762, m. Hannah Simonds. *Elizabeth*, d. young. *h Jesse*,⁵ b. July 14, 1767. *Jonathan*,⁵ b. June 20, 1769, was twice married. *Betsy*, b. Feb. 26, 1772, m. White of Watertown. *Anna*, b. June 28, 1774, m. Gardner of Cambridge. *Nathan*,⁶ d. young.

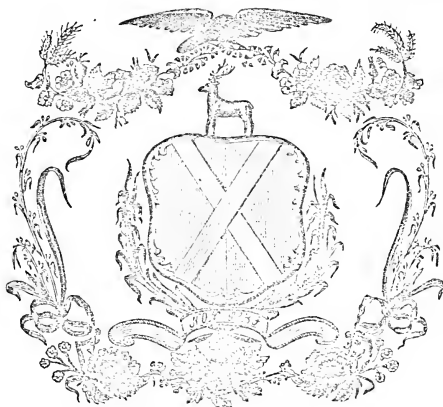
Jesse,⁶ son of Jacob,⁴ m. Nov. 21, 1793, Rebecca, dau.

of Samuel Tidd of Acton, who was at the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. He d. 1843; she d. 1863. Ch. *Rebecca*, b. Feb. 14, 1795, m. Diar Quimby. *h Jesse*,⁶ b. June 4, 1797. *Sarah*, b. Aug. 29, 1800, m. Diar Quimby, and lived in Charlestown, had several ch., d. 1871. *Anne*, b. Aug. 6, 1804, m. Nathaniel Paine of Hyannis. Had one son. *Eliza Mary*. *h Charles*,⁶ b. April 10, 1816. *Martha*. (For *Eliza*, *Mary*, and *Martha* see epitaphs. See also homesteads.)

Jesse,⁶ an old-time schoolmaster, m. Asenath Buttrick of Pelham, N.H. He d. Nov. 1876. Had 8 ch., of whom *Jesse Orin*⁷ resides at Mount Vernon, N.H., and has two sons and two daughters. *Edwin*⁷ resides at Littleton, and has two sons and one daughter. He is deacon of the Baptist church in that place. *Charles Henry*⁷ volunteered for three years in the rebellion, and died in the service.

Charles,⁶ son of *Jesse*,⁵ m. Sept. 1840, *Sophia Billings* of Acton. She d. July 2, 1882. Ch. *Ellen S.* b. June 11, 1842, d. Mar. 31, 1887. *h Charles F.* b. Sept. 15, 1844. *h Walter B.* b. Sept. 20, 1846.

*Charles Robinson*⁶ lived at the homestead in Bedford



until 1867, when he removed with his family to Natick. He was a faithful man in the town and church, and a member of the school committee for a series of years.

*Charles F.*⁷ son of *Charles*,⁶ m. April 19, 1869, *Cornelia F. Clark* of Gorham, Me. Ch. *Ernest Frederick*,⁸ b. Feb. 5, 1870, a physician in Maynard. *Edward Henry*,⁸ b. June 12, 1873, d. July 27, 1877. *Cora Belle*, b. Sept. 14, 1875, d. April 5, 1879. *Charles Walter*,⁸ b. June 3, 1878. Twin boys, b. May 27, 1880, d. at birth.

*Charles F. Robinson*⁷ resided in the West for about nine years immediately succeeding his marriage, but removed to Natick in February, 1878, and later to Marlboro, where he is a successful business man. He is deacon of the Orthodox Congregational church. (See military history.)

Walter Billings,⁷ son of *Charles*,⁶ m. June 5, 1870, *Ella M. Bullard* of Sherborn. She d. Mar. 25, 1872. He m. 2d, *Clara F. Mason* of Vermont. Ch. *Ada Sophia*, b. Mar. 5, 1871. *Charles Frederick*,⁸ b. Aug. 15, 1875. *Ella F.* b. Nov. 3, 1877. *Ethel*, b. Dec. 1880. *Frank Billings*,⁸ b. Dec. 1885.

*Walter Billings Robinson*⁷ removed from Bedford to Natick in 1867, where he is a coal and lumber merchant and a man of prominence.

ROWE, Moses E. b. in Candia, N.H., Feb. 21, 1823, m. Nov. 27, 1850, *Rose A. Morse*, b. in Maine, Nov. 27, 1824. Ch. *Emma J.* b. Mar. 2, 1852, d. Oct. 31, 1856. *Minnie E.* b. Nov. 24, 1853, m. John Brainerd. *Frank H.* b. Feb. 12, 1856, m. Ada Champney. *Finnie B.* b. Nov. 23, 1855, m. A. Elmer Blake. *Hattie L.* b. July 15, 1868, m. Dana B. Clark.

Moses E. Rowe settled in Bedford on the Ephraim Jones farm. He has occupied many positions of trust in town; was chosen a deacon of the Church of Christ, Mar. 29, 1886, which office he now fills.

SAGE, Samuel,⁶ b. in England, came to Bedford in 1800. He was a representative of the sixth generation, in each of which the oldest son was Samuel. *Samuel*⁴ was b. Feb. 6, 1718. *Samuel*⁵ was b. 1752, m. *Mary Cole*. Their tombstones in the village burial ground, in England, read thus: "Sacred to the memory of Samuel Sage, late of Dundry, who died Feb. 27, 1836, aged 84 years. Also *Mary*, his wife, who died Sept. 1, 1834, aged 80 years." *Samuel*⁵ and *Mary Cole* had 13 ch., of whom *Samuel*,⁶ b. "Friday morning, half past one, Dec. 15, 1775," was the immigrant. He m. Jan. 1, 1815, *Lucy Porter* of Bedford. He d. April 8, 1860; she d. Oct. 23, 1865. Ch. *Mary*, b. May 19, 1816. *Samuel*,⁷ d. young. *h Samuel*,⁷ b. Sept. 28, 1826.

*Samuel Sage*⁶ was a wheelwright by trade, and followed the business in the village. The landed estate in England was large, but the family possession for hundreds of years was broken by sale after the death of *Samuel*.⁵

Samuel,⁷ m. Feb. 12, 1862, *Martha M. Hill*. He d. Nov. 13, 1877. Ch. *Mary Hill*, b. Mar. 1, 1863, d. July 25, 1887. *Samuel*,⁸ b. Feb. 27, 1869, d. April 3, 1888.

*Samuel Sage*⁷ was often in town office, and was a land surveyor of acknowledged ability. He entered the Union army in July, 1864, for one hundred days, but was confined in hospitals most of the time on account of illness. While there he was joined by his wife, who did faithful hospital service in care of her husband and in the relief of his sick and wounded comrades. He removed to Billerica in 1869, where he died in 1877.

Martha (Hill) Sage was a graduate of Woburn High School, and a successful teacher for years. The inscription on the soldiers' monument of Billerica was prepared by her. She was the successful one of seven who competed for the honor.

Mary Hill Sage graduated at the Salem Normal School,

after completing a course at the Howe School in Billerica, and was the youngest in years, but oldest in service, as teacher in the Emerson School, Concord, when she died.

Samuel Sage⁵ was a graduate of the Howe School, and was a student in Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., when he died. He was the last to bear the Christian name in a family that is traced back eight hundred years at the family seat at Chew Magna, near Bristol, Eng.

SIMONDS. The Simonds family of this town originated in Woburn. The name first appears in the records of that town in 1644. The date of their arrival in this country is unknown. "William Simonds¹ of Woburn m. Jan. 28, 1644. Judith, dau. of James Hayward." It is quite probable that William¹ of Woburn was descended from William and Alice of England, to whom there is a memorial in the cathedral church, Winchester, Eng., with the following inscription:—

Here lieth William Symonds, Gentleman,
Of Winchester, twice Mayor & Alderman.
Alice, his wife, lies buried by his side.
The one in June, in July the other died.
On the 18th day, 1601, Shee;
On the 27th day, 1606, Hee.
His merit doth inherit Life and Fame!
For whilst this city stands, Symonds his name,
In poor mens Hearts shall never be forgotten:
For Poorer Prayers rise when flesh lies rotten!

Members of the early generations of Simonds became associated with Bedford families through marriage, but established families do not appear here until the opening of the nineteenth century. Benjamin of Woburn, of the fifth generation, with sons Benjamin and Zebedee, settled in the south part of the town in 1805, and engaged in the manufacture of shoes.

Benjamin⁵ bought a portion of the Thomas Woolley farm in 1812. He m. Oct. 27, 1812, Mary, dau. of John and Mary (Smith) Simonds of Leominster, who d. Dec. 8, 1817; m. 2d. Aug. 11, 1818, Elizabeth Butler of Leominster. He d. July 31, 1836; she d. Nov. 22, 1834. Ch. *Caroline*, b. Jan. 5, 1814, m. Cummings E. Davis of Harvard. *Mary Ann*, b. Nov. 22, 1815, m. Elijah C. Whitcomb of Fitchburg, d. Aug. 1891. By 2d wife, *Jane*, b. July 17, 1819, m. Eben Cheney of Royalston. *Minerva*, b. May 20, 1821, m. Sylvester Sawyer of Royalston. *Justin*,⁷ d. young. *Justin*,⁷ b. Sept. 7, 1825.

Benjamin Simonds⁶ was a schoolmaster, an extensive shoe manufacturer, and a man of influence for some years. He removed from Bedford to Clarksville, Mo., where he died.

Zebedee,⁶ son of Benjamin,⁵ m. June 25, 1807, Amittai Webber of Bedford. He d. Sept. 20, 1826; she d. Feb. 20, 1833. Ch. *John Webber*,⁷ b. Jan. 14, 1808, d. Aug. 28, 1870. *h. George*,⁷ b. Jan. 15, 1810. *Amittai*,⁷ b. April 7, 1812, m. Nov. 1, 1832, Daniel Flagg, d. Mar. 1887. *William*,⁷ b. April 2, 1814, d. June 8, 1838. *h. Henry*,⁷ b. Jan. 19, 1817. *Harriet*,⁷ b. Nov. 6, 1818, d. Feb. 28, 1843. *h. Edward*,⁷ b. Jan. 28, 1820. *Bethiah*,⁷ b. July 23, 1821, m. Mar. 31, 1842, Hiram Whitford of New Hampshire. *Zebedee*,⁷ d. an infant.

Zebedee Simonds⁶ came to Bedford with his father in 1805, was a shoe manufacturer, and a man who enjoyed the confidence and respect of his townsmen. He was chosen deacon in the church, Jan. 17, 1826, but eight months before his death. A memorial window to his memory was placed in the meeting-house of the Trinitarian Congregational society, by his descendants, in 1886.

He was possessed of a good musical talent, which he used in the service of song in the choir of the church.

John Webber Simonds,⁷ son of Zebedee,⁶ enjoyed but limited advantages for education, but was a man of much ability. He was representative from his native town to the General Court in 1844 and 1853, and a member of the convention for revising the constitution in 1853, during the deliberations of which he was often called to the chair. He filled many positions of trust in the town. He gave some attention to civil engineering, and was prominent in laying out the new cemetery. His good taste and skill are seen in the excellent arrangement of those grounds. He devoted much time to the study of the early history of his native town, and left manuscripts of value pertaining to the early families which have been of benefit to the writer of this volume.

George,⁷ son of Zebedee,⁶ m. April 16, 1835, Ann, dau. of Joseph and Susanna (French) Jaquith of Billerica. He d. Oct. 26, 1876; she d. Oct. 9, 1870. Ch. *h. Merton*,⁸ b. June 17, 1837. *Laura Ann*, b. July 9, 1842, m. Nov. 29, 1866, James Jones.

George Simonds⁷ was a prominent citizen of the town, was often in town office, and enjoyed the confidence of the entire community until his death.

Henry,⁷ son of Zebedee,⁶ m. Nov. 16, 1848, Jane Lewis, settled in Woburn, d. 1871. Ch. *Clara Josephine*, b. Nov. 2, 1849. *Emma Frances*, b. July 30, 1852.

Edward,⁷ son of Zebedee,⁶ m. June 13, 1844, Mary Tidd, and settled in Woburn, where he has been often in town office. Ch. *Mary Elizabeth*,⁸ b. Feb. 24, 1857.

Merton,⁸ son of George,⁷ a skillful painter, and a justice of the peace, m. Eliza Porter Webber. Ch. *M. Adelle*, b. Aug. 23, 1861, d. July 26, 1876.

EH, a prominent citizen of Lexington, descendant from the immigrant William, located in Bedford, with son, William Henry, who m. Jennie E. Garty of Concord. She d. Mar. 20, 1891. Ch. *Frank H.* b. April 5, 1878.

SKELTON or SKILTOX. Several of the name have lived in town, probably all descendants of Rev. Samuel of Salem.

Daize, m. June 19, 1770, Ruth Hartwell. Had several ch. b. in this town, and others b. in Woburn. Of these, *Artemas* m. Mary Hodgman of Carlisle, and settled on her homestead, where son George S. lived, died, and is represented by three sons.

Elias, m. Dec. 2, 1830, Louisa Hartwell, who d. July 2, 1836; m. 2d, Cynthia Stearns. He d. July 21, 1887; she d. 1891. Ch. *Samuel*,⁷ d. an infant. *Mary Louisa*,⁷ b. Oct. 5, 1833, m. Reuben Lane.

Elijah (Capt), m. Sarah —. He d. Jan. 30, 1852; she d. Dec. 31, 1873. Ch. *Elijah*,⁸ b. Mar. 27, 1816. *Sarah*,⁸ b. Oct. 31, 1818, d. Feb. 4, 1852. *Edwin*,⁸ b. Sept. 28, 1820, d. April 11, 1849. *Emily*,⁸ b. and d. 1822. *Emily*,⁸ b. July 4, 1823, m. — Kimball of Woburn. *William*,⁸ b. Jan. 16, 1826.

Mrs. Sarah Skelton and Mrs. Emily Kimball each gave legacies to the Church of Christ connected with the Trinitarian society of the town, and a tablet to their memory is seen in the house of worship.

George C. purchased the Jacob Gragg farm, and settled here in May, 1833. His line of descent from Rev. Samuel of Salem is Samuel,² Joseph,³ Thomas,⁴ John,⁵ b. 1744, m. 1768, Joanna Johnson, d. 1821. John,⁶ b. 1771, m. 1809, Sally Jaques of Wilmington, d. in Charlestown, 1824.

George,⁷ b. 1812, m. Caroline Curtis of Stockbridge, Mass. George C.⁸ b. April 28, 1838, m. April 28, 1863, Annie G. L., dau. of Charles Gilman of Somerville. Ch. *Annie G. L.* b. and d. July, 1864. *Edward Jared*,⁹ b. June 14, 1865. *Alice Gordon*, b. June 8, 1868. *Walter Elliot*,⁹ b. Aug. 31, 1870. *George Ashley*,⁹ b. Dec. 9, 1872. *Florence Lowell*, b. Nov. 6, 1874. *Caroline Isabella*, b. Oct. 5, 1880. *Annie Gilman*, b. Dec. 5, 1884.

George C. Skilton, with his father, began the manufacture of pickles at: Somerville in 1831, and is still engaged in that business, under the firm name of Skilton & Foote. The farm of 100 acres is stocked with thoroughbred cattle, and conducted by his son, Edward J.

SMITH, John, settled here in 1838. He was from the south shore of Massachusetts, and was probably descended from John of Plymouth, who had children there whose marriages are recorded between 1640 and 1650. Our John was the 8th ch. of Benjamin and Sarah (Peterson) of Duxbury, b. Jan. 4, 1792. The generation is uncertain, but probably the fifth. He m. 1817, Mercy Tilden of Marshfield, who d. Oct. 25, 1820; m. 2d. 1821, Bethiah Rogers of Marshfield. He d. Aug. 8, 1863; she d. May 14, 1878. Ch. *Lucy Drew*, b. July 11, 1819, m. Silas F. Wild of Medford. By 2d wife, *Elizabeth*, b. Aug. 26, 1822, m. Moses F. Brown. *John Allyn*,⁶ b. Feb. 4, 1824. *George Henry*,⁶ b. Sept. 19, 1825.

John Smith was of a seafaring family, and followed the sea in early life, sailing under his brother, Capt. Jacob Smith, who commanded the ship that brought the first Brazil nuts to the United States. John was in South America (aged about twelve years) when his mother died. During the French war (previous to the war of 1812) his brother's ship was captured and burned, and the crew taken prisoners. John, with three hundred others, was confined in the hold of a brig, which was so low studded that he could not stand upright. His possessions consisted of a pair of duck trousers, a guernsey frock, and five doubloons concealed in his stockings. The fare of the prisoners was "horse bean" soup, damaged rice, and bread. Their allowance of water was one pint a day per man. The imprisonment of John Smith was during the time when the English impressed American sailors, which caused the war of 1812. When liberated he walked four hundred miles to reach home, begging his way. He started in business in Boston, on Codman's Wharf, where Quincy Market now stands. His business was supplying ships' stores. Later, with George Merriam of Brighton, he formed the firm of Smith & Merriam, dealers in West India goods, at No. 21 Long Wharf. In 1828 he kept the Half-way House between Boston and Plymouth. It was situated in West Scituate, near the Hingham line. He bought the Pollard farm in Bedford in 1838, and settled there, where he completed his life.

John Allyn,⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Martha Gleason of Medford. Ch. *Anna Winslow*, b. April 2, 1851, m. Francis C. Thieler. *Horace Allyn*,⁷ b. Aug. 12, 1853. *Sarah Peterson*, b. June 14, 1857, m. George M. Weston. *Harry Mansurgh*,⁷ b. Dec. 2, 1862.

George H.⁶ son of John,⁵ m. Hannah E. Hartwell, of Bedford. He d. Oct. 1880; she d. Mar. 1890.

SPAULDING. Those of the name in this town, as far as known, descended from Edward, one of the original settlers of Chelmsford in 1654. Sampson of the fifth generation settled in Billerica, very near the Bedford line, and

was identified with the church and society here, where the family burial place is seen. He was b. Mar. 1, 1775, m. Mar. 27, 1804, Susanna Skinner, and d. Feb. 19, 1835. Of 10 ch. 3 settled in Iowa. *Benjamin Adams*, b. 1815, a graduate of Harvard College (1840) and of Andover Theological Seminary (1843), was one of the "Iowa Band" of eleven of his class who went to that territory as home missionaries. He was pastor at Ottumwa from 1851 to 1863, and d. there in 1867. He m. 1847, Ann Nichols Norris. *Martha Rebeekah*, b. 1819, m. 1851, James W. Norris of Ottumwa, where she still resides. She was a school teacher here at one time. *Andrew Josiah*, b. 1823, m. 1851, Elizabeth A. Brown of Concord, N. H., and d. at Ottumwa, 1860.

Charles, son of Ira and Joanna (Fletcher) of Chelmsford, b. Jan. 8, 1803, m. May 4, 1826, Elizabeth Wilson. He d. April 17, 1878. Ch. *Lewis*, b. June 10, 1828, m. Annie B. Cutler, d. June 11, 1870. *George* and *Augustus*, d. in infancy. *Caroline*, b. Jan. 13, 1839, d. Aug. 23, 1852.

Charles Spaulding came to Bedford in 1819, and learned the shoe business. He was a man of influence in the town and Unitarian church, of which he was a deacon for many years.

SPRAGUE, John, of military distinction, is the first of the name in town, and was a descendant, doubtless, of Nicholas of Billerica. He was b. April 26, 1759, and m. April 1, 1784, Phoebe Fitch. He d. Mar. 6, 1810; she d. Mar. 25, 1841. Ch. *Phoebe*, b. Aug. 14, 1784. *Sarah*, b. July 10, 1787, d. April 24, 1805. *John*, b. Oct. 15, 1788, d. May 25, 1805. *Lowell*, b. Mar. 6, 1791. *Betty*, b. Dec. 3, 1792, d. Sept. 27, 1822. *Mary*, b. Oct. 5, 1795, d. Nov. 24, 1840. *Susanna*, b. July 11, 1798, m. William Clark.

STEARNS, variously spelled.



Stearns

"Arms. Or, a chevron between three crosses flory sable. Crest, a cock starling proper." This illustration, furnished by Henry A. Stearns, Lieutenant-Governor of Rhode Island, was originally taken from one belonging to the Manning family, descendants of Isaac Stearns.

"It is the same as that borne by families of the name of Sterne in the counties of Bucks, Cambridge, Hertford, and Norfolk, England; the same also as that borne by Richard

Sterne, Archbishop of York, who was descended from the Sternes of Nottinghamshire. It is probable that all the families of the name of Stearns in the United States are descended from three early immigrants,—viz., Isaac, or Charles, who settled in Watertown, or Nathaniel, who settled in Dedham."—*Bond*.

Isaac,¹ came to this country in 1630, probably with Gov. Winthrop, and settled in Watertown, near Mount Auburn. He was made freeman May 18, 1631, which is the earliest date of any such admission. (*Bond*.) He d. June 19, 1671; wife Mary d. April 2, 1677. Of their several ch. Isaac,² the fourth, b. Jan. 6, 1632–3, m. Sarah Beers, and settled in Lexington in 1660. He d. 1676. Their son, John,³ b. 1675, m. April 26, 1699, Mary, or Mercy Davis of Concord. He is mentioned as a land owner in the description of the southern boundary of the town of Bedford in 1729. His dwelling was south of that known as Stephen Davis' estate. (See *Homesteads*.) He d. June 14, 1734, and is recorded thus: "Father of Zachariah, Eleazer, and Benjamin Stearns." From his will is the following: "Bequeath to my daughter Mercy Kendal all the right I have in a Molatto girl named Mary, now living with me." Zachariah,⁴ son of John,³ was a petitioner from the Concord side for the incorporation of Bedford, and was established in a home here. He m. Sarah, and had 6 ch. All soon disappear from the town.

John,² son of Isaac,¹ was a purchaser of the Dudley farm. One of his portions was fifty acres in the southwest corner, bounded by the river and Winthrop farm, which became the permanent Stearns homestead. He was probably born in Watertown in 1631, and became one of the earliest inhabitants of Billerica. He m. Sarah Mixer of Watertown. She d. June, 1656, the first death in Billerica, except an infant of Henry Jettis. He m. 2d, 1656, Mary Lathrop of Farnstable. He d. Mar. 5, 1668–9. His son, John,³ b. "2d week" May, 1654, was either the first or second child born in Billerica.

John,³ m. Elizabeth Bigelow of Watertown, who d. April 18, 1694; he m. 2d, Joanna, widow of Jacob Parker, and dau. of Thomas Cal of Malden. He d. Oct. 26, 1728; she d. Dec. 4, 1737. Their son, John,⁴ b. Nov. 25, 1686.

John Stearns

m. Esther Johnson, dau. of Edward of Woburn, gr.-dau. of William Johnson, Esq., and great gr.-dau. of Capt. Edward Johnson, author of "Wonder Working Providence of Zion's Savior in New England." They had several ch., of whom *Bond* says four settled in Lowell, Me., where the father d. aged 86. His son, Josiah,⁵ b. Jan. 20, 1731–2, m. Sarah, dau. of Uriah Abbott of Bedford. Their son, *Simuel*,⁶ became the fourth minister of Bedford, q.v. John Stearns⁴ deeded land, in Mar. 1762, to his son, Edward,⁵—the mill yard. This joined other real estate known as the Lieut. Edward Stearns homestead, which was set off to Bedford in 1766.

Edward Stearns

b. May 9, 1726, was the head of the family in Bedford. He m. May 9, 1755, Lucy, dau. of Thomas Wyman and

Rachel (Crosby), widow of Samuel Stearns. He d. June 11, 1793; she d. Nov. 28, 1802. (See epitaphs.) Ch. *Lucy*, b. Mar. 24, 1756, d. May 20, 1768. *Solomon*,⁶ b. May 12, 1757. He was with his father at Concord, April 19, 1775, entered the army at Cambridge, and d. May 18, 1775. (See epitaph.) *Rachel*, b. Nov. 3, 1758, m. Dea. Moses Fitch of Bedford. *Edward*,⁶ b. Jan. 10, 1761, d. May 24, 1768. *Susanna*, b. Dec. 19, 1762, m. Nehemiah Wyman of Medford. Had to ch. *Alice*, b. Aug. 13, 1764, m. Moses Abbott, Jr.; m. 2d, Stephen Lane. *h Abner*,⁶ b. July, 9, 1766. *Edward*,⁶ b. June 25, 1768, m. Polly Jones of Bradford, who d. June 28, 1796; m. 2d, Nabby, her sister. He d. May, 1798, and she m. Rev. Ebenezer Hill of Munson, N.H. *h Elijah*,⁶ b. May 2, 1770. *h Simeon*,⁶ b. April 17, 1772.



ELIJAH WYMAN STEARNS.

Elijah,⁶ son of Edward,⁵ m. Dec. 30, 1802, Elizabeth (his cousin), dau. of Rev. Josiah Stearns of Epping, N.H. He d. April 10, 1831; she d. Sept. 25, 1862. (See *Homesteads*.) Ch. *Edward*,⁷ b. and d. 1804. *Edward Josiah*,⁷ b. and d. 1806. *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Oct. 31, 1807, d. July 12, 1818. *Edward Josiah*,⁷ b. Feb. 24, 1810, graduated at Harvard College (1833), an Episcopal clergyman and an author, d. July, 1890. *Elijah Wyman*,⁷ b. Jan. 8, 1813, graduated at Harvard College (1838), was a teacher for several years, and later a druggist in Bedford. *George O.*⁷ b. Aug. 30, 1815, a dentist in New Haven, Conn. *Samuel French*,⁷ b. April 25, 1818, was a dentist in Boston, d. 1889.

Simeon,⁶ son of Edward,⁵ m. Sally Cole. He d. April 17, 1846; she d. Mar. 8, 1863. Ch. *Elbridge Wyman*,⁷ b. April 22, 1803, m. Dec. 17, 1836, Ruthy Wright. He d. Dec. 1, 1876; she d. Oct. 31, 1884. *Lucy Minerva*, b. Sept. 6, 1805, m. Ezekiel W. Preston, d. May 5, 1884. *Sally Miranda*, b. May 12, 1808, m. Stephen H. Nichols, d. June 6, 1848.

Abner Stearns

son of Edward,⁵ m. May 1, 1797, Anna, dau. of Jonathan Hill, who d. Oct. 22, 1807; he m. 2d, June 30, 1808, Mrs. Anna Estabrooks, widow of John, and dau. of Thomas Russell of West Cambridge. He d. Dec. 11, 1838; she d. Nov. 29, 1839. They were first interred in the old burial-ground, and later removed to Shawshine Cemetery, where a sarcophagus has been erected by a grateful posterity.

Ch. Abner, b. April 1, 1798. *Mary Ann*, b. May 23, 1809, m. Jonas Monroe of Bedford. She was a prominent school teacher. *Edward Harrison*, b. Dec. 16, 1814. *George Sullivan*, b. May 17, 1816. *Albert Thomas*, b. April 23, 1821. *Henry Augustus*, b. Oct. 23, 1825.

Mrs. Anna Esabrooks had one son, John B., whose name was changed to Russell. He was b. in 1801, and d. Mar. 11, 1891, at Indianapolis. He began the seed business in the store now occupied by Joseph Breck & Sons, Boston, was later a publisher in that city, and afterwards managing editor of "The Cincinnati Gazette." He was much interested in agriculture, was in that department at Washington for some years, and was a foundation member of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, in whose hall a portrait of him may be seen. He was founder of "The New England Farmer."

Abner Stearns was about nine years of age at the opening of the Revolution. He and brother, Solomon, sleeping by his side, were awakened at an early hour of April 19, 1775, by their father, Lieutenant Edward, who announced that the British were coming. Lieutenant Edward and his oldest son, Solomon, joined the Bedford company of militia, and were early at Concord. There is a well-authenticated family tradition that the father was in military authority in the latter part of the day, after the death of Capt. Jonathan Wilson. The tradition is strengthened by the fact that Stearns and Wilson married half sisters. The officers of the Minute Men not being commissioned, it is reasonable to suppose that family relations were to be considered in this emergency. Father and son reported at Cambridge on the following day; the former soon returned to his family, and the latter remained on duty, sickened, and died May 18. (See epitaph and p. 66.)

Abner and the other members of the family who remained at home, on the east bank of the Concord River, distinctly heard the reports of the musketry during the engagement, as they were wafted down the stream on the breeze of that April morning. He often entertained his family in after life with descriptions of his feelings on that day, and of the activity of each member, old enough for service, in the preparation of food for the army, in running bullets, and making cartridges. Rachel, Susanna, and Alice, daughters in the family, aged respectively 16, 13, and 11, shared in the labors of that day during the absence of father and brother at Concord.

This experience early developed an inherited military taste, and he became prominent in the militia of the state. He was commissioned as ensign of the Bedford company, Oct. 17, 1793. The signature of Samuel Adams is upon the commission. He was made captain of the company June 8, 1797, and resigned July 29, 1799. These and many other military papers are treasured by his grandsons. Among them are "General Orders," dated May 1, 1798, from headquarters, Roxbury, Mass., and signed by William Donnison, adjutant-general. This was when the country was full of excitement because of threatened war with France.

Although Mr. Stearns enjoyed but limited advantages for education, his inquiring mind and perseverance enabled him to acquire much general and practical knowledge, and he became the peer of many whose early advantages had been superior to his. He was a mechanical genius, and of an inventive turn of mind. The experiments that resulted in a machine for splitting leather were

perfected by him, and the first one ever used was made in a room in his dwelling-house; and the patent credited to Major Samuel Parker is in a large degree due to the skill of Abner Stearns. In 1805 he removed to West Cambridge (Arlington), bought land, and started a woolen factory, which he sold to John Tufts in 1808. He then bought another lot about one-third of a mile above his former purchase, and created a water power by digging a canal half a mile long, an enterprise almost unprecedented at that time. Here he established a thrifty business in wool carding. A grist-mill was soon added, and later altered to one for grinding mineral substances and making yellow ochre for paint. He also ran a machine for preparing dye-woods. In 1811 he erected a large building over the brook, where he manufactured machines for splitting leather, churns of a peculiar construction, and various kinds of agricultural implements. Among other inventions he perfected one for dyeing silk, which has been extensively used. In this same building he had a fulling-mill, and a spinning jenny of seventy-two spindles. The yarn was made into broadcloth, and the business was remunerative until the close of the 1812 war, when importation ruined this domestic industry. A patent right issued to him, bearing the signatures of President James Monroe and Secretary of State John Quincy Adams, is among the family treasures.

In 1816 he returned to his old home. His dwelling-house, mill, and other property, were in Billerica, but on the Bedford line; and a part of the Stearns homestead, and all public interests of the family, were identified with the people of this town. He was classed among the most enterprising, intellectual, and public spirited citizens. The impression made in the mechanical arts and upon the business world, by Capt. Abner Stearns and his family, is of national repute. Through all of the vicissitudes of business life they have never lost an interest in this town, and many of its public and private enterprises have been aided by the representatives of Capt. Abner Stearns.

Mr. Stearns' children all had a thirst for knowledge, and were encouraged to obtain it. The only daughter enjoyed the advantages of Bradford Academy, and became a teacher of enviable reputation. The sons enjoyed a partial course in English at the academy in Andover. Edward H. and Albert T. were there at the same time. They often made the journey of fifteen miles, between home and school, on foot; and while there worked to pay their expenses in part, some of the labor consisting of planing pitch-pine boards which had been floated down the Merrimac River, and were sandy and uneven in thickness. The elder brother made six cents per hour, and the younger four cents. Albert T. planed, by hand, all of the hard-pine boards for the floors of two of the buildings used for lodging-rooms. The expense of board here was reduced, at one time during their course of study, to ninety cents per week. It afforded the simple necessities only, but these young men, and others who endured such privations in order to secure the advantages of mental training, have made enduring impressions of the world.

Abner, the oldest child, only one by the first wife, and the namesake of his father, ran the mill at the homestead for a while, and then went to Bennington, Vt., and later to Texas, where he died. He was engaged at both locations in the business of a machinist. He m. Mary Dresser of Vermont, who, with a son and daughter, survived him.

Edward Harrison, took a course of three years at Andover, after which he taught school at Provincetown, making the journey to the cape in a schooner. He then went to Covington, Ky., and spent a season, and later started the business of wool carding, having conducted the business of the home farm after the death of his parents, and had a farm in Stoneham in the meantime. He increased his manufacturing business by adding a planing-mill and general wood-working establishment. This was all destroyed by fire, when he erected a set of fire-proof buildings. He was next found in Cincinnati, O., engaged in inventing, improving, and manufacturing saw-mill machinery. His business next called him to Hamilton, O., after which he bought lands in Erie, Penn., and started large manufacturing industries. When facilities for travelling were most primitive, he made personal visits to all states in which there were lumbering camps, to introduce machinery of his patent and manufacture, which for the relief of manual labor was of inestimable value.

The inventive genius of the father was an inheritance with this son. He was credited with thirty patents which were the outcome of his own mind. As is very often the case, unprincipled men sought to obtain his honors by infringing upon his patents, and he was known to stand in defence of his own rights, in the court house, until he fainted from exhaustion. The fame of this son, who began life by experimenting in an obscure saw-mill in Bedford, has spread throughout the land. The Stearns Manufacturing Company, of Erie, Penn., of which Edward Harrison Stearns was the founder, is the largest establishment of the kind in the West, and is known throughout the world. Previous to his career saw-mill machinery was very poor, and through his efforts a complete revolution was made in the lumber manufacture.

Mr. Stearns was an ardent abolitionist, having imbibed the spirit when at Andover, and from the beginning of the anti-slavery movement was a prominent champion of the cause. Religiously he was of the faith of Emanuel Swedenborg, was prominent in establishing a church where that faith was taught, and the chief financial supporter. His energy and public spirit made him a leader in the different places of his residence, where he always enjoyed the confidence of his associates.

He married Harriet C. Raymond of Charlestown, Mass., and had no children. His death occurred August, 1880.

George Sullivan, when eighteen years old, went West, after pursuing a short course of study at Andover. It then required two weeks to make the journey to Alton, Ill., which can now be made in twenty-four hours. He was at Alton two years, engaged in the milling business, after which he spent some time in Kentucky, at farming and nursery business, on the Licking River. From there he went to Lawrenceburg, Ind., and started the lumber business. In the year 1849 he was at Cincinnati engaged in printing and stereotyping. He stereotyped the first copy of the Mormon Bible. He experimented in the manufacture of printers' ink, and became the leading manufacturer of that article in the West. In 1849 he bought his brother Henry's interest in the wadding business, and the two lines were thereafter merged in one. It thus appears that George S. and Henry A. were the founders of this firm, which is one of the oldest manufacturing concerns in Cincinnati. Mr. Stearns, with his sons and others, started the lumber business in Lockland, O., about the year 1880, where they built large mills.

While this was being successfully prosecuted, he engaged in several other manufacturing enterprises, the last being with his brother, Henry A. (each of whom were representatives of their respective companies), in the erection of the mills of the Dominion Wadding Company, at Montreal, Can., of which a son of each is in charge.

Mr. Stearns built a fine residence at Wyoming, O., where he died in 1889. He was modest and retiring in his nature, and was never persuaded to accept any political or public office. He was possessed of rare judgment, and was successful in life in the best way. He was generous, and always ready to help others. Among the many objects of his benevolence was the Trinitarian Congregational society of Bedford, which his father had helped in forming, and the church connected with it, in which he had learned those principles that predominated during his entire life. He contributed liberally towards rebuilding the meeting-house, in 1886, which his father had assisted in erecting more than a half century earlier. While always greatly interested in church work, and an abundant giver in the support of the gospel, he kept himself in the background. He had but little to say about religious matters, but his life was a constant application of Christianity. Through humbling himself he became exalted. He was a founder of the Presbyterian church of Wyoming, O., an elder, trustee, and large contributor to its support.

The following tribute of respect is from the pen of the widely known editor of "The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette," Hon. Richard Smith:—

"The late George S. Stearns, who was called to his rest on Sunday evening [Nov. 24, 1889], deserves more than a passing notice, as all who knew him will cheerfully and sorrowfully concede. Away back in the early forties the firm of Stearns & Foster was organized in Cincinnati, and it has continued, growing with its growth, and even expanding far beyond its limit. It has proved a firm of solid industry, honorable and conservative enterprise, and unsported integrity. It never compromised its obligations. In all the years of its history it paid dollar for dollar. Now death comes to break this old firm, the oldest in the city, and the last, we think, of the firms that had an existence back of 1850.

"But we are to speak of the deceased. He was a useful citizen. He understood his business, and he kept to it very closely. He was a success, but his success did not spoil him. Evidently he was not made to be spoiled. He did not figure as a statesman, and therefore his reputation is not as widespread as it might be; but within his circle he had a great reputation that was deserved and will follow him. He was a rich man, but he has left something better than gold to those who now mourn his death.

"It may truly be said of Mr. Stearns that he was a lovely man. He was just in all things, harsh in nothing; benevolent in all things, stingy in nothing. He did good right along through life. In this respect he was largely his own administrator, and has left a good example which may well be held up as worthy of imitation.

"Mr. Stearns did not rust out either. He loved honorable labor, and he died in the harness.

"All this is said, not for the dead, but the living. Multitudes will mourn the death and revere the memory of George S. Stearns."

He m. May 30, 1844, Amelia, dau. of William Stephenson, who came from England, and d. Nov. 24, 1889. Ch.

h George Herbert,⁸ b. Mar. 14, 1845. **h Edwin Russell**,⁸ b. Jan. 10, 1847. **h Alfred Monroe**,⁸ b. Jan. 29, 1849. **Anna Russell**, b. April 7, 1851, d. May 13, 1852. **Idella Foster**, b. Jan. 12, 1853, m. Jan. 19, 1882, Josiah Dwight, had 2 ch.; the youngest, Anna Dwight, d. May 1, 1891. **Amelia George**, b. June 5, 1855, m. Mar. 25, 1879, Rufus Alan Cowing, have 4 ch. **h William Stephenson**,⁸ b. April 10, 1857. **h Harold English**,⁸ b. July 21, 1859. **Arthur Harrison**,⁸ b. July 24, 1861, d. Mar. 27, 1880.

George Herbert,⁸ m. April 15, 1874, Isabella M. Weld of Boston. Ch. **Minot Weld**,⁹ b. Aug. 20, 1876. **Mabel Weld**,⁹ b. Oct. 18, 1877. **Gordon Weld**,⁹ b. Nov. 20, 1880.

Edwin Russell,⁸ m. June 14, 1883, Luella Evans. Ch. **Dorothy Amelia**, b. Dec. 28, 1885. **Evans Foster**,⁹ b. Oct. 9, 1889.

Alfred Monroe,⁸ Yale College (1870), m. April 18, 1872, Elizabeth Palmer. Ch. **Greta**, b. Jan. 9, 1875. **Clayton Palmer**,⁹ b. June 24, 1879.

William Stephenson,⁸ m. June 22, 1881, Mecia Lena Stout. Ch. **Margaret Rose**, b. May 31, 1882, d. Oct. 14, 1886. **Lucy Stephenson**, b. Mar. 1, 1886. **Harriet**, b. Aug. 19, 1889.

Harold English,⁸ m. June 4, 1884, Lela Eleanor Curtis. Ch. **Katherine Curtis**, b. Mar. 5, 1888.

Albert T. after completing his hard-earned course of study at Andover, turned his attention to the farm and mill at his home. His mechanical taste was early manifested in the miniature saw and grist mills made by him, and put in operation in the stream running from the pond to the mill. At the age of eighteen he was employed by David Fitch, in his grist-mill on the Shawshine. In 1840 he worked for Luke Brooks of Cambridgeport. The following year found him at Waltham, in the dry goods trade, where he learned to cut clothing, both custom and ready-made,—the latter branch of the business being then in its infancy. He then spent a year in the grocery trade at West Cambridge (Arlington), the place of business being the Russell store of Revolutionary fame. It was rifled by the British soldiers on April 19, 1775. It is still in the family name. (The mother of the subject of this sketch was a Russell.) The young man was next found at the old mill of the homestead, and again back to Waltham, in the same store; and from there he carried goods over the country, thereby receiving the benefit of open air which his health demanded. Each of these experiments failed to satisfy the adventurous spirit and mechanical genius of the young man, and he turned his attention to carpentering, and carried on the lumber business together with building. He built a planing and saw mill in 1843-4, which he operated, in connection with a partner, until 1849, when the copartnership was dissolved, and he prospected for a while.

Mr. Stearns thought of establishing the lumber business at Cincinnati, O., but the appearance of cholera led him to return to his native state. He located at Neponset, and started the lumber business in a small way, which has developed into a large enterprise; and the A. T. Stearns Lumber Company, which includes father and sons, is known throughout the country. They have introduced the cypress lumber to New England, and developed a new feature of the lumber trade. In 1883 Mr. Stearns turned his attention to the cypress swamps of the South, and established a mill at Apalachicola, Fla., where the Cypress Lumber Company is under the personal super-

vision of the youngest son of the founder. Mr. Stearns has been identified with the growth of Neponset from a few scattering houses to its present prosperity, a period of forty years. Fire has caused him to build four mills on his site during this time. He has greatly increased his acreage by filling marsh lands. He has patented several of his new inventions which are in use at present. The experimental years of Mr. Stearns' life gave him an insight to various branches of trade which has been helpful in the development of a self-reliant business man, whose integrity and benevolence give him an honored place in society.

He m. June 11, 1843, Salome Maynard of Sudbury, who d. Feb. 7, 1881. Ch. **h Albert Henry**,⁸ b. Aug. 15, 1844. **h Waldo Harrison**,⁸ b. Oct. 21, 1847. **Francis Maynard**,⁸ b. Feb. 17, 1850, d. June 17, 1853. **Anna Russell**, b. Oct. 14, 1852, d. Dec. 31, 1853. **h Frederick Maynard**,⁸ b. Nov. 23, 1854. **Salome**, b. and d. Feb. 1859. **Ardelle Augusta**, b. Feb. 10, 1860, m. Frederick C. Moseley of Dorchester. Have 1 son.

Albert Henry,⁸ m. Kate B. Dexter of Pawtucket, R.I. Ch. **Albert Maynard**,⁹ b. Aug. 20, 1886. **Henry Dexter**,⁹ b. Mar. 7, 1888. **Albert Thomas**,⁹ b. April 22, 1890.

Waldo Harrison,⁸ m. Izenna Chesbro. Ch. **Ralph Waldo**,⁹ b. Dec. 28, 1876. **Maurice Harrison**,⁹ b. Oct. 1879. **Donald Bancroft**,⁹ b. Sept. 1, 1882.

Frederick Maynard,⁸ m. Julia Marland Ricker of Boston.

Henry Augustus,⁷ was about twelve years of age when his parents died. His father, being desirous that he should have greater educational advantages than the district school afforded, made provision for his attending Phillips Academy, Andover, where he pursued an English course for two years, after which he was dependent upon his own resources. He supported himself by shoemaking and shop-keeping until he was twenty years of age, when he started for the West; and in 1846 he located in Cincinnati, O., and engaged with his half-brother, Mr. J. B. Russell, in the manufacture of cotton wadding. In 1848 he bought Mr. Russell's interest, and disposed of it to Mr. S. C. Foster and formed the copartnership of Stearns & Foster. In 1849, the works having been twice destroyed by fire and rebuilt, he disposed of his interest to his brother, George Sullivan.

Early in the spring of 1850 he turned his attention to California, with the many who were attracted to the Pacific borders at that time. His keen perception led him to the belief that a steam laundry was needed in that new and rapidly developing country. He purchased the required machinery at Cincinnati, and started with it down the Mississippi and over the Gulf of Mexico to Chagres, and then, after much labor, across the isthmus, the boiler being carried overland to Panama by detachments of men. He then took passage, with his freight, for San Francisco, in an old whaling vessel, which proved unseaworthy and came very near foundering. In the delay the provisions were exhausted, and all on board were allowed only four ounces of bread and a pint of water each per day. The craft floated about on the Pacific four months, and when Mr. Stearns reached his destination he was a physical wreck, and life was despaired of; but he rallied, set up his machinery, and successfully established the first steam laundry in California. After a time he sold his interest to his partner, and opened the largest restaurant in San Francisco at that time. He soon purchased an interest in a

steamboat, and ran the first regular steam ferry between San Francisco and the present city of Oakland. While a resident of San Francisco he witnessed the execution, by the vigilance committee, of numerous ruffians who had floated in there with the tide of immigration. For the next two years he was chiefly engaged in running a saw-mill, at San Jose, and keeping a store at Gilroy.

In the fall of 1853 he returned to Cincinnati, and resumed the manufacture of cotton wadding, with the old company, on a more extensive scale. His health necessitated a change in 1857, and he removed to Buffalo, N. Y., and started a new industry,—the manufacture of hardware. While here, with large investments, the disastrous financial period began, and Mr. Stearns saw his accumulations swept away. He sought to retrieve his fortune in Sangamon county, Ill., where he bought a tract of timber land, set up a saw-mill, and carried on a farm for three years.

The year 1861 found him at Pawtucket, R. I., associated with Darius Goff and others, in the manufacture of cotton wadding. The business has increased from a small beginning, through the energy of Mr. Stearns and his associates, until the Union Wadding Company has one of the largest and best equipped establishments of the kind in the world. Mr. Stearns has been the superintendent from the beginning. The Company has mills at Augusta, Ga., and Montreal, Can. Mr. Stearns' son George is superintendent of the Southern mills, and his son Deshler, with a nephew, Harold E. Stearns of Ohio, are managers of the latter industry.

The inventive genius of the father, Capt. Abner Stearns, is well represented in his youngest son, the subject of this sketch. He has devised several contrivances which have been of great value in his business. He has also obtained a number of patents on cotton-gins, and on machinery for extracting oil from cotton waste and kindred substances. Another of his patents is the railway safety gate, so generally used in all parts of the country where there are railroad crossings.

Mr. Stearns resides at Central Falls, R. I. He has filled many important positions of trust in the place of his residence, represented the town of Lincoln in both branches of the General Assembly, and was elected lieutenant-governor of Rhode Island in 1891. He is one of the trustees of the Franklin Savings Bank of Pawtucket, and was for two years president of the Pawtucket Business Men's Association. He is the largest stockholder in the Kilby Manufacturing Company of Cleveland, O., the business being the manufacture of sugar-mills, paper-mills, steam engines, etc.; and he has a cattle ranch in New Mexico. Religiously, he followed in the footsteps of his parents, who were honored members of the Trinitarian Church of Bedford, and is a member of the Central Falls Congregational Church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

He m. June 26, 1856, Kate Falconer, of Hamilton, O. Ch. *Deshler Falconer*,⁸ b. Aug. 7, 1857. *George Russell*,⁸ b. Jan. 19, 1860. *Walter Henry*,⁸ b. Jan. 3, 1862, m. June 5, 1890, Abbie Harris Raze. *Kate Russell*,⁸ b. July 21, 1864. *Charles Falconer*,⁸ b. July 27, 1866, graduated from Amherst College in 1888. *Henry Foster*,⁸ b. Mar. 3, 1868. *Anna Russell*,⁸ b. Jan. 4, 1873, d. Feb. 7, 1874. *Caroline Cranston*,⁸ b. Jan. 18, 1875.

It is noticeable in the family record of the last three sons of Capt. Abner Stearns and Anna Russell, that each had three daughters, and one of each trio was named Anna

Russell; and that each namesake of the grandmother died in infancy. Anna, dau. of Josiah Dwight and Helen Stearns, and gr.-dau. of George S. Stearns, d. May 1, 1891, while our MSS. was in the hands of the printer.

Isaac⁶ (Hon.), a soldier in the French war, magistrate and distinguished citizen of Billerica, became so generally identified with Bedford through his marriage, and that of his children, that he is introduced here. He m. Feb. 11, 1748, Sarah, dau. of Obed and Elizabeth Abbott of Bedford. He d. Mar. 23, 1808; she d. Jan. 9, 1815.

William,⁶ son of Isaac⁶ and Elizabeth (Abbott), b. Aug. 4, 1752, m. Sept. 23, 1777, Betsey Davis of Bedford.

William,⁷ son of William,⁶ b. June 19, 1778, m. Feb. 12, 1801, Betsey, dau. of Thaddeus and Sarah Davis. He d. Sept. 19, 1823. She d. July 27, 1844. Ch. *Horatio Davis*,⁸ b. Jan. 19, 1803. *Selinda*,⁸ b. Sept. 18, 1804, d. April 27, 1860. *Matilda Caroline*,⁸ d. young. *William Albert*,⁸ b. Oct. 12, 1809. *Elizabeth Caroline*,⁸ b. Dec. 9, 1811, d. June 8, 1888. *Charles Blucher*,⁸ b. Aug. 16, 1814. *Isaac Davis*,⁸ b. July 21, 1821, m. Sept. 16, 1857, Catherine L. Knight of Woburn, d. Oct. 30, 1882. Ch. *Mary Kilburn*,⁸ b. June 12, 1859, d. Nov. 1, 1877. *Fannie Davis*,⁸ b. May 5, 1867, m. Sept. 11, 1890. *Frank E. Seles*.

William Albert,⁸ son of William,⁷ m. April 3, 1834, Clarissa Tarbell. He d. Mar. 22, 1871; she d. Oct. 20, 1877. Ch. *Henry Augustus*,⁹ b. Feb. 26, 1836, m. Sept. 3, 1857, Mary F. Williams, d. May 29, 1863. *Emily Ann*,⁹ b. Oct. 28, 1838, m. July 4, 1872, George A. Fuller. *Samuel Wirt*,⁹ b. Sept. 28, 1841, d. in the Civil War (see p. 69). *William Frederick*,⁹ b. Mar. 19, 1846, m. June 3, 1891, Helen A. White.

William Albert Stearns was a shoemaker by trade, and a man of prominence in town and church. (See town officers.) He was deacon of the Church of Christ, and clerk of the Trinitarian Congregational society connected with it, at the time of his death, which occurred at Lowell, in March, 1871, while he was serving as juror in the superior court.

Timothy,⁶ son of Isaac,⁵ b. Sept. 25, 1763, m. Nov. 1, 1787, Sarah, dau. of Jonathan Lane of Bedford. He d. Aug. 8, 1816; she d. June 13, 1849. Of his ch., *Obed*,⁷ b. Mar. 21, 1801, m. May 27, 1827, Mehitable Carleton, and settled on a farm in the south part of the town. They had Josiah Obed,⁸ b. Oct. 17, 1830; Amos,⁸ b. 1831, m. Oct. 1856, Mary A. Hartwell; Eckley.⁸

Eckley Stearns⁸ was deacon of the Congregational church in Woburn. He gave one of the Rose windows in Amherst College church as a memorial.

Samuel⁶ (Rev.), the fourth minister of Bedford, was the fourth son of Rev. Josiah⁵ of Epping, N.H., and grandson of John of Billerica and Esther Johnson of Woburn. He was b. at Epping, N.H., April 8, 1770, and m. May 9, 1797, Abigail, dau. of Rev. Jonathan French of Andover. Ch. *Abigail F.* b. and d. 1798. *Abigail F.* b. Jan. 7, 1800, m. Jonas Monroe, d. Jan. 1833. *Samuel Horatio*,⁷ b. Sept. 12, 1801, d. in Paris, France, July 15, 1837. *Sarah Caroline*,⁷ b. April 15, 1803, m. Sept. 27, 1827, Rev. Forest Jeffers. *William Augustus*,⁷ b. Mar. 17, 1805, d. June 8, 1876. *Maria II.* b. Nov. 14, 1806, d. June 8, 1881. *Jonathan French*,⁷ b. Sept. 4, 1808, d. Nov. 11, 1889. *Elizabeth W.* b. July 29, 1810, m. Dec. 8, 1831, Dea. Charles James. *Josiah Atherton*,⁷ and *George Washington*,⁷ twins, b. Sept.

1, 1812; Josiah d. Sept. 8, 1833; George d. in infancy. *Charlotte Esther*, b. Sept. 17, 1814, m. Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, q.v. *Ann Catherine*, b. Oct. 10, 1816. *h Ebenezer S.* b. Dec. 23, 1819, d. April, 1887.

The public life of Rev. Samuel Stearns has received extended comment in the ecclesiastical and general chapters, and the following biographical notice is in part the same as found in the appendix to Shattuck's history of Concord, published soon after the death of Mr. Stearns. It was gathered from the sermon delivered by Rev. Samuel Sewall at the funeral of his honored friend and brother in the ministry.

Rev. Samuel Stearns was born at Epping, N.H., April 8, 1770, fitted for college, after his father's death, at Exeter Academy, under the patronage of Hon John Phillips, its founder, and graduated at Harvard College in 1794. His theological studies were pursued under the direction of Rev. Jonathan French of Andover. He was ordained over the Church and Society in Bedford, April 27, 1796. A new religious society having been legally formed, Nov. 9, 1832, by the name of the "Trinitarian Congregational Society," and the church having voted, at a meeting, May 9, 1833, to dissolve its connection with the First Parish, and to accept an invitation given it to unite with the new society, Rev. Mr. Stearns was solemnly constituted the minister of that society, June 5, 1833. He died Dec. 26, 1834. It is worthy of remark, that, during the whole of his protracted ministry, almost thirty-nine years, he was never absent from his people at any communion season but one, — viz., that which occurred about two weeks before his death.

More than a half century has passed since Rev. Samuel Stearns entered into rest, and but few remain who received early instruction from him; yet his influence for good is still active.

When the church was repaired and newly furnished, in 1836, a memorial window was consecrated to his memory. In this, the extended hand, holding the uplifted cross, is artistically represented, and the following inscription is seen:

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Samuel Stearns 1796—1834.

Samuel Horatio was the oldest son, and second child that survived infancy, of Rev. Samuel Stearns and Abigail French. He was a feeble child, of a serious, thoughtful mind. His early education was obtained in the village school, under the careful direction of his thoughtful parents. He entered Phillips Academy, Andover, December, 1816, then a little more than fifteen years of age. He united with the church in Bedford, of which his father was pastor, June 1, 1817. He entered the freshman class in Harvard University in the autumn of 1819, and taught school at times during his course, which was pursued with difficulty, because of physical weakness, graduating in August, 1823. His part in the commencement exercises was the Latin salutatory. "On taking his second degree, three years after, he delivered the master's valedictory in Latin." Mr. Stearns spent some months as teacher in Phillips Academy, and joined the junior class in the Theological Seminary, at Andover, in December, 1825, completing his course there in the autumn of 1828. He preached in Philadelphia during the following winter, as an assistant to Rev. Dr. Skinner, and paid much attention to recruit-

ing his health. After seasons of preaching in the Federal Street Church of Newburyport, Park Street Church of Boston, and elsewhere, he was ordained as pastor of the Old South Church and Society of Boston, April 16, 1834. His health, which at that time seemed to be well established, soon began to fail, and he was able to preach but two Sabbaths and one sermon. He returned to Bedford, spent some months journeying by carriage through New England and elsewhere, and in all ways endeavoring to renew his strength so as to be able to resume his pastoral work, but received no permanent benefit. He asked a dismission from the church and society where his beautiful spirit and brilliant talents had been manifested so short a time. Being persuaded of the recuperating influence of a sea voyage, and a journey abroad, he sailed for London, June 8, 1836. He spent months journeying through the mild latitudes of the continent, during which time strength and weakness were alternating, and was on his homeward journey, having reached Paris, when strength failed, and he passed away July 15, 1837. His remains were brought to this country, and deposited in Mount Auburn, Dec. 26, 1837, the fourth anniversary of his father's death.

William Augustus, D.D., LL.D., was the second son of Rev. Samuel Stearns and Abigail French. He was taken to the parish church and baptized on the day of his birth, which was a cold Sabbath in March. The custom then prevailing of baptizing an infant on the first Sabbath after its birth was rigidly adhered to by the pastor of the town. The luxury of a fire was never known in the first meeting-house. Such an act of religious form when viewed from present custom seems presumptuous, but no harm befell the infant. William Augustus was a precocious scholar. At the age of six years he recited the Assembly's Shorter Catechism entire at one lesson, in the church, and agreeable to rule was afterwards allowed to occupy the "spectators' seat" during recitation, and see companions of twice his years struggle with this ancient compendium of religious instruction. At fourteen years of age he committed the entire Gospel of Luke in one week, working in the hay-field with the men the while through the day. He carried his Testament in his pocket, and stole a verse now and then as opportunity was afforded. He was equally forward in the study of the Latin language. He seized the opportunity one afternoon, when the book which served several of the brothers was not in use, learned his first Latin lesson, and presented himself before his astonished father for recitation.

William A. Stearns, looked upon as so saintly in after life, was a boy among boys, as were the others of the parsonage. They were forbidden to engage in fights with companions. This family rule became known to others, and a stout, swaggering fellow, of twice the size of William, took advantage of it, and began to bully and torment him beyond endurance. He went home to his mother with the grievance, and declared that he could not stand it any longer, and that his companions would regard it cowardly in him not to stand up in self-defence. After listening to his impassioned story, the mother asked, "Do you think you can handle him?" "Yes!" was the boy's positive reply. "Well," she rejoined, "I do not like to have boys fight." This did not veto his plan, and the next time he was attacked in the company of his mates he caught the big fellow, thrashed him thoroughly, and threw him over the nearest stone wall.

He received the same course of training that his brother Samuel enjoyed, and was obliged to practice the most rigid economy while pursuing his studies at Andover and at Cambridge, as were his brothers. He graduated from Harvard College in 1827. During his college course he never hired a conveyance in all of his journeys between his native town and Cambridge. He taught school each winter, earning thereby some twenty or twenty-five dollars a month. He spent the year after his graduation in teaching, as principal at the Duxbury Academy, and there formed the acquaintance of the lady who afterwards became his wife. His course of theology was taken at Andover. Of his class, six have been editors, eight professors in colleges or theological seminaries, two presidents of colleges; seventeen have been made doctors of divinity, or of law, or of both.

He was ordained and installed pastor of the First Evangelical Congregational Church, in Cambridgeport, Dec. 14, 1831, and remained in the position twenty-three years, lacking only a few days. He saw his church grow from an unpopular remnant to a strong, influential, and popular church, and his annual salary increased from \$700 to \$1,500.

Mr. Stearns left this flourishing position with much reluctance, to enter upon a broader field of labor as president of Amherst College, in November, 1854, where he remained until his useful life was terminated by death, June 8, 1876. The growth and general prosperity of the college, during the twenty-two years of Dr. Stearns' presidency, is sufficient proof of his ability and faithfulness. Shortly after he entered upon the presidency, he was appointed a member of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and was an active member for eight consecutive years. He was a leading light among the members of the corporation of Phillips Academy and the Theological Seminary at Andover. In 1853 the honorary degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Harvard College. In 1862 the College of New Jersey added to his honors the title of doctor of laws.

During the war Dr. Stearns was wise in his counsel to the young men of the college who felt called upon to enter the army. Among the members of the college who gave up their lives for the Union was his own son, who fell fighting within the enemy's lines at Newbern. "One of the guns which he and his comrades captured, and near which he fell, presented to the college for that purpose by the commanding general [A. E. Burnside], is an expressive trophy at once of the bravery of Adjutant Stearns and of the patriotic devotion of his father." Among the many published works of Dr. Stearns was that inspiring book for youth, "The Life of Adjutant Stearns." The Amherst College Church, or Memorial Chapel, was erected during the presidency of Dr. Stearns. The three rose windows were given as testimonials of regard for the president. The donors were Dea. Eckley Stearns of Woburn, Gov. Onslow Stearns of New Hampshire, and the Church of Christ at Bedford.

Dr. Stearns was president of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society for seventeen years, 1859 to 1876.

The history of his native town, and of others in the immediate vicinity, was of much interest to him. He inaugurated the centennial celebration of the battle of Lexington, by preaching an admirable sermon in Hancock Church on the Sabbath and day preceding the great convocation. He

gave an historical address, in July, 1863, at the half-century celebration of the organizing of the first Sabbath school in Bedford, of which he was an original member and his father the founder. The people of Bedford who were the associates of William A. Stearns in their youth, with their children and grandchildren, have each in turn delighted to honor this distinguished son of the town, and rejoice that he found here a birthplace and early home; that he loved to turn his steps to this town when active service permitted, and that the cherished hope of his declining years was to complete his life where it began. But this was not so ordered; death met him in the midst of activity, with his baccalaureate sermon partly finished.

Jonathan French, D.D., was the seventh child and third son of Rev. Samuel Stearns and Abigail French. Rev. David R. Frazer, D.D., said of the subject of this sketch, in a memorial sermon delivered in Newark, N.J., Dec. 1, 1889: "Although character is a growth, the qualities which underlie character are received by inheritance; hence there is much in every man's life that is directly traceable to his ancestry. In this respect Dr. Stearns was peculiarly favored."

He fitted for college at Phillips Academy. While there, he, in conjunction with Horatio B. Hackett, Ray Palmer, and others, organized the Philomathean Society. His preparatory education was chiefly obtained through his own efforts; he boasted that he earned with his own hands the money that paid for his first Latin grammar. He entered Harvard College in 1826, and there had the aid and companionship of his two older brothers, who had preceded him in classical study. The Hon. Charles Sumner was his classmate, and for a time his room-mate. The friendship then formed lasted until the death of the statesman. In order to meet his own expenses while at college, he taught country schools, and served as tutor to students needing such help; among those thus aided was Amos Lawrence, his lifelong friend. He assisted William H. Prescott in the preparation of his life of Ferdinand and Isabella, by translating Spanish manuscripts. He and Charles Sumner were founders of "The Nine," a literary society connected with the college. His theological studies were pursued at Andover Seminary, and under the direction of his father and older brother, William.

He was licensed to preach in October, 1834, and was ordained and installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Newburyport, Sept. 16, 1835. He remained here fourteen years, and secured for himself a well-deserved and enviable reputation in the profession. He accepted a unanimous call from the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, N.J., and was installed as pastor of that church on Dec. 13, 1849. He compiled the history of the First Church in that city in the early years of his second pastorate. This has proved to be invaluable, both to the church and city; upon it all subsequent works of local history have been based. In 1850 he was made a director in Union Theological Seminary. In the same year the honorary title of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by Princeton College, and in 1864 he was made a trustee of that institution. Drs. Stearns and Poor were instrumental in forming the German Theological Seminary, at Bloomfield; the former was president of the board of directors for many years.

In 1879 Dr. Stearns was selected by the people of his native town to deliver an historical address, on the occa-

sion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town. This service required many months of careful preparation, and was given as a labor of love. It was published in connection with a detailed account of the celebration, and is treasured as a lasting memorial of this honored son of Bedford.

Dr. Stearns was relieved from active duty after thirty-three years of faithful service in this his second charge. He was made pastor emeritus April 1, 1882, and given a liberal support for life.

He died Nov. 11, 1889, having been in the pastoral office fifty-four years, which, with the exception of seven and a half years, were full of the most active service. In 1843 Dr. Stearns was united in marriage with Miss Anna Prentiss of Portland, Me. She died Jan. 2, 1869. Children who have inherited grand qualities from both parents are doing valuable service in the world.

Josiah Atherton, A.M., Ph.D., was the ninth child of Rev. Samuel Stearns and Abigail French (a twin mate died in infancy). His advantages for early education were the same as those of his older brothers, but he did not take a collegiate course; yet in advanced life he received the honor of the title of Master of Arts from Harvard College, and is erroneously credited in the ecclesiastical section of this work, and in other publications, as having taken the same course of classical study that his brothers did. The absence of this training was an occasion for regret to himself, but seldom noticed by others. After his academic course Mr. Stearns entered upon the life of a bookseller and publisher; but this was neither in accordance with his taste, nor a financial success. He soon found employment, more in the line of his early training and inherited tendency, in the public schools of Boston, where he spent the remainder of his active life, retiring from service in 1882, one year before his death. He was honored near the close of his school service with the title of Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Nashville, Tenn., of which his younger brother was the chancellor.

A notice of the death of Mr. Stearns, published in "The Boston Journal," Sept. 8, 1883, contained the following: "Josiah A. Stearns, A.M., Ph.D., was one of the veteran schoolmasters of Boston, whose intelligence, conscientious and untiring, though perchance not conspicuous, efforts, have done so much to build up and perpetuate the excellency of our common school system." He was for thirty-nine years in the service of the city of Boston, as usher in the Adams and head-master of the Mather, Lawrence, and Norcross schools. (See epitaph.) The system which prevailed at one time gave him the additional responsibility of ten primary schools and a boys' grammar school of eight hundred pupils. His former pupils, numbering tens of thousands, remember him as a careful, thorough teacher, and a genuine, open-hearted friend. The testimony of many is that of one involuntarily uttered while leaving the village church at Bedford, where the funeral services were held: "I owe all that I am as a successful business man to the one whose body rests in the casket yonder."

The following memorial is self explaining:—

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 1882.

Resolved, That in accepting the resignation of Josiah A. Stearns, master of the Norcross School, this committee is glad to place upon the records a recognition of the many admirable qualities with which Mr. Stearns has advanced his office through a teaching service in the employment of the city of more than thirty-nine years.

Resolved, That his most fitting memorial is in the love and veneration of the hundreds of men and women whose youth he helped to train in high and noble ways, and who in his old age will continue to call him blessed.

Resolved, That we extend to him most cordial wishes that he may live long to enjoy the satisfaction of honor, love, obedience, and troops of friends, which he has earned in his public work and private worth.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the board, and a copy thereof, properly engrossed, be sent to Mr. Stearns.

Adopted unanimously.

Attest: *

PHINEAS BATES, JR., Secretary.

BY F. BENTLEY YOUNG OF BOSTON.

Josiah A. Stearns was actively identified with the Masonic fraternity for more than twenty-nine years. He served his brethren in important and influential positions, and always with a deep sense of the responsibility of office. As chaplain of several bodies he was best known. For years he presided at the altars of the lodge, chapter, and commandery. In prayer he was especially gifted; his words were happily chosen, and his thoughts appropriate. Seldom absent from the meetings, genial in manner, wise in council, eloquent in speech, he was greatly beloved by his associates; his companionship was delightful. His services were gratefully appreciated by his brethren, who, in two of the bodies with which he was connected, unanimously elected him an honorary member.

He was proposed for the degrees in Columbian Lodge, March 2, 1854, by Bro. J. W. Barton, was initiated May 4, 1854, and raised a Master Mason, Oct. 26, 1854. Within three or four years from that date his brethren learned of his peculiar fitness to serve the lodge as chaplain, and by 1860 he was duly installed in that position. In 1863 he had gained the confidence of his brethren so fully as to be elected junior warden, from which position he was regularly advanced till he became master of the lodge in 1866-7. Having served the body faithfully and efficiently, he again became its chaplain, and continued to hold that position till the day of his death.

He was also chaplain of Abourdour Lodge from its organization till his death. Of this body he was an honorary member.

He was exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, May 11, 1850, and was made a member of that body April 20, 1874. In this body he also officiated as chaplain for several years.

On June 7, 1869, he received the order of the red cross in Joseph Warren Commandery, that of the temple June 22, 1869, and the Malta in the following September. Here again he was called to the important office of chaplain or prelate as early as 1871, which position he retained till Nov. 1, 1882, failing health compelling him to withdraw from further activity, much to the regret of his brother knights. His attendance upon the meetings of the commandery, during the twelve years he served the body as prelate, was constant and uninterrupted; so say the records of the body to-day.

He early applied for the degrees of the ancient accepted Scottish rite. He is on record as having received the thirty-second degree in Boston Consistory, April 17, 1863, and affiliated with Massachusetts Consistory, thirty-second grade, Feb. 15, 1871, when the latter body united with Boston and De Witt Clinton Consistories. In the subordinate Scottish bodies he retained membership until the date of his death, Sept. 8, 1883.

In the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts he acted at one time as chaplain, and also filled the office of grand steward for some time.

An elegant and life-like portrait in oil of Wor. Bro. Stearns adorns the walls of the ante-room of Sutton Hall, Masonic Temple, Boston. It was procured by his numerous friends in Columbian Lodge. It is a just tribute to the memory of a brother whose active interest in, and enthusiastic regard for, the Masonic institution endeared him to the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. That memory will continue a vivid thing with the various Masonic bodies he served so well.

His funeral took place in the Congregational Church of Bedford. It was largely attended by the fraternity, Columbian Lodge conducting the impressive burial service of the fraternity, and Joseph Warren Commandery performing escort duty on that occasion.

Mr. Stearns was also a member of the Order of Odd Fellows. He was a *veteran* Odd Fellow, having been a member of the order more than twenty-five years. He was not particularly active in the order, his Masonic relations being so pressing as to absorb his hours of leisure.

Mr. Stearns always manifested a citizen's interest in the town of his nativity, and was liberal in support of the church of which his father was pastor during the whole of his ministerial life.

The old homestead at Bedford, established by the third minister of the town, and purchased by Rev. Samuel Stearns (father of the subject of this sketch), became the property of Josiah A. Stearns after the decease of his mother. He lavished much of his ample salary in transforming the rocky acres into productive fields. Every rod of upland and meadow was precious to him. He religiously cherished the Lombardy poplars in front of the mansion that had given their best service to his parents, and the graceful elms that had shaded the play-grounds of a noble family. In conjunction with his sister, Miss Ann C. Stearns, he carefully preserved the chambers where great and good men had studied and slept, and where a generation had been born and trained. During seasons of active labor Mr. Stearns retired to his ancestral home for the refreshing quiet that is only found in a typical New England village, and spent the greater part of his vacation seasons here, surrounded by the children and grandchildren of his brothers and sisters, all of whom enjoyed the respect of the people of the town. In all of his arduous labors Mr. Stearns never forgot his native town; and it may truthfully be said that the children of Rev. Samuel Stearns never lost an opportunity in which to honor, by word or deed, the town of Bedford. Mr. Stearns prepared a sketch of the history of the town for Drake's "History of Middlesex County," and was spending his leisure hours on a prospective work of local history when his health failed. His manuscripts are sacredly cherished by his family for an extended work by some future historian.

The grand celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town was in a large measure due to his leadership, although scores of the sons and daughters of Bedford contributed freely towards the enterprise, which for conception and execution was a marvel of success. Mr. Stearns planned and conducted the first "Memorial Day" service, and was active

on each succeeding day of national memorial. He wrote several occasional hymns, one of which is found on p. 70.

Eben S., D.D. was the youngest of thirteen children of Rev. Samuel Stearns and Abigail French. He graduated from Harvard College in 1841, studied theology, and was ordained as a minister of the gospel. During his ministry at Epping, N.H., he did faithful work in rescuing the records from oblivion, and in putting them into a condition to be of future use; but his life work was that of a teacher in several institutions for higher education. He taught in the Ipswich High School, and Free Street Female Seminary in Portland, and was principal of the Female High School in Newburyport for a term of five years. This experience prepared the way for him to do valuable work in the normal school in its experimental years. He took charge of the State Normal School of Massachusetts in September, 1849. It was then located at West Newton (was first established at Lexington in 1839). He was the third principal of the school, his predecessors having been Rev. Cyrus Pierce and Rev. Samuel J. May. The historical sketch prepared for the semi-centennial of the school, by Mrs. Electa N. L. Walton, has the following: "Mr. Stearns was devoted, earnest, exact, and gentlemanly, and won the cordial support of teachers and pupils. He had a nature of unusual gentleness, and a winsome humor that made him a delightful companion. As a teacher he inspired confidence in his pupils to do their best, while his recognition of any lady-like refinement in them was an inspiration to be true to his expectations. It seemed impossible to be rude or heedless under his observant eye. He impressed his pupils with the dignity of the teacher's work, and his influence upon them was lasting." Printed diplomas were first given at the close of his first year of work in this school.

Mr. Stearns was in the South, on account of a throat trouble, when the spring term of 1851 opened, and he addressed the school thus by letter: "Outspread before us lies its page of unsullied purity. . . . New hopes are the blossom wreaths that surround it, and guardian angels whisper encouragement and peace as they hold out and beckon us to write, and write we must and ever shall; there is no escape. We write with the blood of the soul, indistinct, pale at first it may be, but ere long to blaze forth in brightness more dazzling than the sun, and more enduring than if engraved on marble. Each letter, well formed or ill, each attempted erasure, each careless spot, each foul blot, remains. . . . Is it not, then, of the utmost importance that you begin rightly?"

In September, 1855, Mr. Stearns resigned, to take charge of the female academy at Albany, N.Y. He was chancellor of the State University of and principal of the State Normal School of Nashville for several years. He died while performing these double duties, in 1887. He was honored with the titles of D.D. and LL.D. in the last years of his useful life. He was twice married, and a widow and three children survive him.

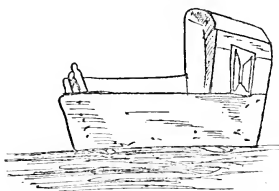
STILES, Thomas, of Moretown, Vt., came to Bedford a young man, served as clerk in a store, and became the proprietor and followed the business many years. He was a justice of the peace, and postmaster; was town clerk from 1846 to 1863, and in other important town offices. He m. April 11, 1838, Anna W. Reed. He d. Dec. 19, 1858; she d. Sept. 11, 1885.

TAYLOR, John, son of William and Mary (Merriam), b. Oct. 19, 1853, m. Mar. 26, 1878, Eunice Woolley. Ch. *Eunice*, Mary, m. Nathaniel Merriam, q.v. *Rebecca*, m. Joseph Bacon (see family and epitaph). *David*, m. Ruth Jones. *Jonathan*, m. Mary Jones.

Mrs. Eunice Taylor and her son-in-law, Dea. Nathaniel Merriam, gave a cup to the church, which is still preserved.

Samuel, b. in England, came to this country in 1840, wife d. in England in 1841; m. 2d, 1842, Anna Jane Langhard. He d. Dec. 17, 1883; she d. Feb. 22, 1884. Ch. *William* and *Alice*.

WALTER, Frederick A. b. in London, Eng., Mar. 2, 1834, m. 1856, Anne C. Hibbs, and settled in Bedford, 1872. He d. Mar. 7, 1881. Had 8 ch.



WEBBER CRADLE, USED BY THE FAMILY SINCE 1690.

WEBBER, James,¹ of Scotch descent, came from New York to Medford; b. probably 1665, d. Mar. 19, 1729, was father of Jonathan,² James,² Benjamin,² and Nathan.² The Webbers of Bedford descended through Benjamin,² who m. Sept. 6, 1727, Susanna Whitmore, dau. of John and Mary (Lane) Whitmore of Medford. (See Chap. VII.) He d. July 27, 1732; she m. 2d, Christopher Page of Bedford, d. July 20, 1792. Ch. *Susanna*, b. Mar. 21, 1728, d. April 2, 1743. *Martin*, b. Aug. 2, 1729, m. John Hosmer, both d. in Medford. *Benjamin*,² b. Feb. 14, 1731, supposed to have settled near Pomfret, Conn. *John*,² b. Nov. 25, 1732.

John,³ son of Benjamin,² m. April, 1760, Sarah, dau. of Joseph and Amittai Fassett, who d. May, 9, 1782; m. 2d, Nov. 21, 1786, Susannah, dau. of Benjamin Simonds of Woburn, and widow of Ebenezer Page of Bedford. He d. April 29, 1808; she d. Feb. 5, 1825. Ch. *John*,⁴ son of John,³ b. Dec. 31, 1760. *William*,⁴ b. Nov. 20, 1762. *Joseph*,⁴ b. Nov. 21, 1764. *Sarah*, b. Mar. 18, 1766, m. Roger Reed, d. Feb. 8, 1849. *John*,⁴ b. May 16, 1769. *Benjamin*,⁴ b. Dec. 21, 1770. *James*,⁴ b. Oct. 16, 1772. *Susanna*, b. Jan. 28, 1774, d. June 8, 1774. *Asa*,⁴ b. June 20, 1775. *Thomas*,⁴ b. Dec. 27, 1777, m. — Bacon, d. Aug. 6, 1846. *Lydia* and *Lucy*, twins, b. Oct. 27, 1780; *Lydia* m. Samuel Fletcher of Littleton, d. June 27, 1813; *Lucy* m. Elijah Putnam of Amherst, d. Sept. 20, 1837.

John Webber and Sarah Fassett had twelve children; eleven of them survived their mother, who died at the age of 38 years. The aggregate age of the eleven was 781 years; average, 71 years. The eight sons lived to an average age of about 76 years.

Capt. John Webber was possessed of a strong mind and great energy. In early life he followed the seas, and was not married until twenty-eight years of age. He lived in

East Bedford some years before he purchased the Danforth farm (Kenrick's). He bought the farm of Samuel Danforth in April, 1773. He was often in public service; was collector, treasurer, and clerk of the town, delegate in important conventions of the Revolutionary period, and representative.

John,⁴ son of John,³ m. Dec. 15, 1785, Bethiah Lane, dau. of Job⁴ and Susanna. She d. Aug. 8, 1834; he d. Dec. 11, 1846. Ch. *Amittai*, b. Aug. 31, 1789, m. Zebedee Simonds, d. Feb. 20, 1853. *Bethiah Lane*, b. Aug. 16, 1799, m. Benjamin Reed of Lexington.

William,⁴ son of John,³ m. May 10, 1791, Mary Abbott. He d. Sept. 25, 1833; she d. May 24, 1817. Ch. *Polley*, d. an infant. *Harmon*,⁵ b. June 9, 1794. *William*,⁵ b. May 19, 1796, m. Mariah Gifford of Charlestown, d. Mar. 1853. *Mary*, b. Feb. 22, 1799, m. Daniel Hartsorn. *Benjamin Abbott*,⁵ b. Dec. 25, 1802. *Betsy Abbott*, b. Aug. 26, 1806, m. George Wilson, d. Aug. 25, 1846. *Susanna*, b. Nov. 14, 1809, d. Sept. 5, 1855. *Moies*,⁵ b. and d. 1811.

William Webber⁴ was prominent in town affairs, being clerk almost one-fourth of a century; was representative to the General Court eight years, and enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen to the end of life. He was a justice of the peace.

Joseph,⁴ son of John,³ m. Oct. 5, 1794, Ruth Brooks of Woburn. He d. Aug. 24, 1844. Ch. *Joseph, Jr.*,⁵ and possibly others.

Job,⁴ son of John,³ m. June 21, 1796, Sarah Davis. He d. Oct. 10, 1838; she d. Jan. 31, 1861. Ch. *John*,⁵ b. April 25, 1797, d. Sept. 24, 1879. *Sally* and *Vincy*, twins, b. June 9, 1798; *Sally* m. James Park, d. Dec. 27, 1857; *Nancy*, d. Mar. 6, 1879. *Artemas*,⁵ b. May 3, 1800. *Job Page*,⁵ b. Nov. 23, 1801, d. Feb. 19, 1875. *Eliza Farley*, b. June 12, 1805, d. Jan. 21, 1839. *Benjamin Newton*,⁵ b. Aug. 24, 1812, m. Sept. 5, 1837, Ann Urie, d. Sept. 12, 1837.

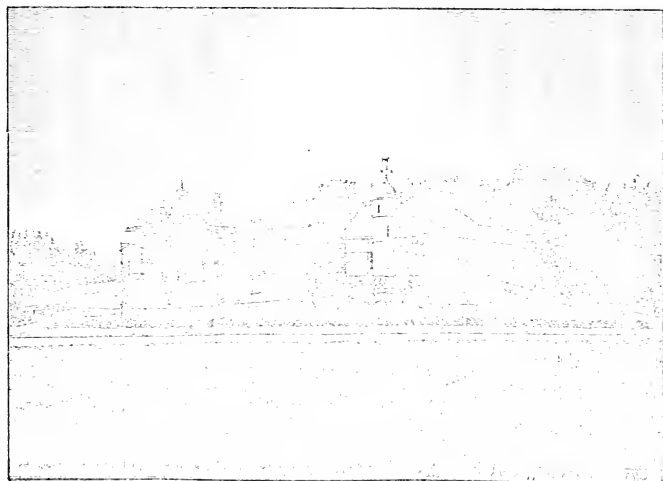
James,⁴ son of John,³ m. Hannah Davis. He d. May 21, 1852; she d. Jan. 20, 1835. Ch. *Hannah Bebeckah*, b. Sept. 16, 1810, d. Sept. 18, 1844. *Lydia Page*, b. Jan. 27, 1813, m. David Clark of Arlington. *William*,⁵ (adopted son).

Asa,⁴ son of John,³ m. April 30, 1801, Eliot (Reed) Lane. He d. Nov. 8, 1850; she d. July 26, 1878. Ch. *Kumahoh*, b. April 14, 1802, m. Nov. 30, 1826, William Hartwell,⁵ d. Aug. 31, 1879. *Eliot*, b. June 26, 1804, m. Eldridge Merriam, d. July 24, 1855. *John Lane*,⁵ b. Dec. 3, 1808, m. Sarah Whitford, d. Feb. 12, 1859. *Lucy* and *Lydia*, twins, b. June 5, 1811; *Lucy* m. Nov. 13, 1828, Benjamin F. Hartwell, d. April 20, 1834; *Lydia* d. an infant.

Hiram,⁴ son of William,⁴ m. July 20, 1824, Fidelia Page. He d. Jan. 18, 1857; she d. April 5, 1834. Ch. *Mary Abbott*, b. July 16, 1825, d. young. *George Edward*,⁵ b. Jan. 24, 1827, m. Sophia —. Has 2 ch. in California. *Harriet L. m. G. L. Sanderson*, lives in California. *Mary J. m. T. H. Dearing, M.D.*, of Braintree. *Fidelia Page*, b. Feb. 25, 1834, adopted by Reuben Thorpe of Lowell, m. 1862, A. W. Sturdy of Attleboro.

Benjamin Abbott,⁵ son of William,⁴ m. April 12, 1826, Mary Ann Twist. He d. Aug. 7, 1846; she d. Aug. 9, 1890. Ch. *Caroline Matilda*, b. April 21, 1827, d. Feb. 9, 1839. *Levi William*,⁶ b. Feb. 17, 1832. *Henry Phelps*,⁶ b. Feb. 22, 1842, m. Esther Flint, d. May 6, 1890.

Joseph, Jr.,⁵ son of Joseph,⁴ m. 1819, Eliza Bacon. He d. in South America in 1849; she d. Feb. 16, 1860, in Minnesota. Ch. *Octa*,⁶ b. 1819, resides in Manderville, La.



Charles Stone,⁶ b. Nov. 17, 1820, d. 1834 of cholera at New Orleans. *Theresa*, b. Mar. 9, 1824, m. 1844, Joseph Litchfield, d. 1853. *Joseph Thompson*⁶ and *Henry Augustus*,⁶ twins, b. Sept. 1828; Joseph T. d. June 1, 1844; Henry A. d. 1829. *Irene W.* b. Jan. 26, 1837, m. Dec. 17, 1855, Benjamin F. Clark.

Mrs. Eliza Webber died at the home of her daughter, Irene W. Clark, Minneapolis, after a long and useful life of ninety years in the world which she helped to make beautiful. She was active in all reforms for the benefit of humanity, particularly her own sex. At the age of eighty-six she was made president of a woman's suffrage league, and was the first to cast her vote when school suffrage was granted to the women of Massachusetts, being then four-score years of age. She was a firm Spiritualist, active in temperance work, and in her last years, spent in Minneapolis, she became an enthusiastic Nationalist, and was an inspiration to the club by her own hopeful words concerning the brotherhood of humanity, a theme ever prominent in her thoughts.

Artemas,⁵ son of Job,⁴ m. May 20, 1827, Sarah Wyman Richardson. He d. 1846; she d. 1874. Ch. *h Marcus Bruce*,⁶ b. Mar. 9, 1828. *Sarah Abigail*, b. Jan. 23, 1830, m. Henry Gleason, d. Dec. 23, 1876. *Ruth A. b. Feb. 16, 1834. Maria Cordelia*, b. Dec. 4, 1837, m. Alvah Cotton.

William,⁵ adopted son of James Webber and Hannah Davis, m. Oct. 11, 1835, Mary W. Gleason, d. Feb. 1848. Ch. *h Charles W.*⁶ b. 1836. *h William A.*⁶ b. 1840. *h Edwin F.*⁶ b. 1843.

Levi William,⁶ son of Benjamin,⁵ m. Nancy J. Reed. Ch. *Albott Reed*,⁷ b. Sept. 23, 1877.

Levi W. Webber is a successful merchant in Boston.

Marcus Bruce,⁵ son of Artemas,⁶ m. Nov. 22, 1852, Elizabeth Frances Gleason. He d. Feb. 12, 1886; she d. 1887. Ch. *Kate Putnam*, b. Jan. 21, 1855, d. Aug. 12, 1864. *h Wallace Gleason*,⁷ b. Aug. 13, 1856. *Carrie Maria*, b. Aug. 9, 1858, d. May 23, 1881. *Arthur Wyman*,⁷ b. Sept. 9, 1860, d. May 15, 1863. *Henry Francis*,⁷ b. Dec. 7, 1862, d. Oct. 22, 1864. *Warren Putnam*,⁷ b. May 12, 1864, d. Feb. 28, 1866. *Marion Waldo*, b. Oct. 21, 1865. *Alfred Augustus*⁷ and *Alden Braeen*,⁷ twins, b. Nov. 28, 1868. *Lizzie Frances*, b. Jan. 15, 1871. *Olive Putnam*, b. Nov. 19, 1872. *Lewis Butler*,⁷ b. June 4, 1875, d. Oct. 4, 1875. *Marcus Howard*,⁷ b. Aug. 10, 1876, d. Nov. 2, 1876.

Marcus B. Webber⁵ was early engaged in the manufacture of shoes, later became a merchant, which business he followed until death. He was postmaster nearly a quarter of a century, selectman, collector of taxes, school committee, and in other positions of public trust within the gift of the town. He was superintendent of the Sabbath school connected with the Church of Christ and Trinity Congregational Society for twenty-five years. A memorial window, the gift of the Sabbath school, adorns the house of worship of that society, where he labored for the good of others.

*Charles W.*⁶ m. Mar. 17, 1869, Sarah A. Davis. Ch. *Mabel L.* b. Dec. 30, 1869. *Arthur P.*⁷ b. Aug. 26, 1872. *Ernest W.*⁷ b. June 13, 1881.

*William A.*⁶ m. Francis M. Whitney. He is prominent in musical circles and an inventor of musical instruments.

Edwin F. m. Maria H. Kelley, who d. April 2, 1881. Ch. *Louise Gertrude*. He is a noted singer and musician.

Wallace Gleason,⁷ son of Marcus B.⁶ m. June 22, 1881, Mary A. Putnam. Ch. *Carrie Putnam*, b. June 3, 1882.

Paul Baron,⁵ b. April 27, 1884. *Marcus Bernard*,⁵ b. Jan. 3, 1888. *Lewis Gleason*,⁵ b. Aug. 30, 1891.

Wallace G. Webber⁷ entered Blackstone Bank, Boston, as a boy, was rapidly promoted in positions of trust, until he resigned to form the copartnership of Paine, Webber & Co., Bankers and Brokers. He has met with financial success, and enjoys the honor and confidence of the public. His love for the town of his nativity and that of his ancestors led him to make many ventures to promote its welfare. He purchased tracts of land, opened streets and put house-lots into the market, and built many houses. His transactions in real estate in the latter part of the nineteenth century, and those of Joshua Page in the early part of the century, mark two very important epochs in the history of the town. He was chosen as his father's successor in the superintendence of the Sabbath school, where he is a faithful worker. He is president of the Bedford Lumber and Manufacturing Company, also president of the Bedford House Association. He was chairman of the Building Committee of the Union School House.

Twins seem to be an inheritance in the Webber family. Twin daughters were born to Capt. John¹ and Sarah (Fasset) Webber. There were two instances in the third generation, viz., to Job² and Sarah (Davis) Webber, and also to Asa² and Eliot (Reed) Webber. (Sarah Davis was a twin. See Davis family.) Joseph,³ Jr., and Eliza Bacon had twins. Twins were born to Marcus B.⁶ and Elizabeth F. (Gleason) Webber, and Elizabeth F. Gleason was a twin.

WILSON, or WILLSON. The family was located in the Shawshine district very early in the history of the settlement.

"John (Sen.)", first appears upon the tax-list in Woburn, in the rate for the country, assessed 26 Aug. 1666, and is numbered among those who had right in the common lands of the town in 1668." (Sewall's Woburn.)

His son John is doubtless the one who had a grant of thirty acres of land, in 1685, "for encouragement towards his corn-mill." He was established there as a miller before that date, as in 1683 Billerica voted "to give one days work of each man in ye town and of team of those that have them for the making a sufficient way to John Wilson's corn-mill." According to Billerica records, "21. 3m. 1683, at a town meeting on a training day, the town granted to John Wilson, Junr. privilege upon our commons for ye future, to the proportion of a five-acre lot, he paying to ye town's use twenty shillings in silver, within six months." John Wilson, Jr. (Lieutenant), was prominent in the early wars, "at the Eastward," in 1692-3, and Cotton Mather says "distinguished himself by the relief of Dover from an Indian alarm."

Lieut. John² died in Bedford, Feb. 1, 1735, aged 84 years. There are several depressions on the surface, on the Wilson farm, that suggest early cellars; and family traditions strengthen the evidence. The records prove that several families were flourishing here soon after the incorporation. The several heads may have been sons of John.²

"Mr. Samuel Wilson, Jr., d. Jan. 21, 1740.

"Mr. Joseph Wilson, Jr., d. Sept. 12, 1748, aged 43.

"Mr. Ebenezer Wilson, d. Mar. 9, 1751.

"Rhoda, dau. of Mr. Joseph Wilson, Dec. 17, 1753.

"Mr. David Wilson m. July, 1755, Judith Johnson of Woburn.

"Mr. David Wilson d. Jan. 23, 1757.

"Jacob, the son of Jacob and Hannah Wilson, b. Sept. 19, 1734."

John² and Rebecca deed to sons Francis³ and Samuel³ the mills and 1 homestead in Bedford, Feb. 23, 1729.

Francis,³ m. Patience —. Ch. *Rebecca*, b. May 7, 1733, m. William Maxwell of Bedford. Probably had other children, among whom was *h James*.⁴

James,⁴ m. Lydia —, d. June 24, 1753. Ch. *Lydia*, b. April 22, 1744. *Ruth*, b. Oct. 6, 1745. *Mary*, b. June 17, 1748. *Pattie*, b. Aug. 30, 1750. *h James*,⁵ b. Dec. 14, 1752.

James,⁵ m. Abi Wheeler, d. 1825. Ch. *Abi*, m. Amos Butters. *James*,⁶ b. Nov. 14, 1775, m. Dolly Gleason. *John*,⁶ m. Polly Goodwin. *Thaddeus*,⁶ b. Nov. 16, 1778, m. Mar. 11, 1802, Molly Lane. *h Francis*,⁶ b. Mar. 15, 1781. *Lydia*, m. — Woodward. *Phineas*.⁶

Francis,⁶ m. Elizabeth Colburn. Ch. *h Francis*,⁷ b. Dec. 16, 1804. *Elizabeth*, b. Sept. 27, 1807, m. Charles Spaulding.

Francis,⁷ m. Feb. 7, 1828, Alvira Heath. He d. Jan. 12, 1857; she d. Aug. 19, 1860. Ch. *Alvira A.*, b. Feb. 23, 1830, d. Oct. 21, 1885. *Emeline S.* b. Sept. 9, 1823, m. Willard Brockway, d. April 24, 1870. *Addie*, b. Feb. 1839, d. July, 1860. *Nellie L.* b. Mar. 10, 1845, m. James Holmes of Plymouth, N.H.

Jonathan (Capt.) (generation uncertain), m. a dau. of Hugh Maxwell; m. 2d. Oct. 8, 1761, Elizabeth (Stearns), widow of John Bacon. Ch. *h Jonathan, Jr.*, b. 1763.

Capt. Jonathan Wilson was killed April 19, 1775. (See epitaph and military history.)

Jonathan, Jr., m. July 24, 1784, Rebekah Page, d. Sept. 25, 1797. Ch. *Susanna*, b. Feb. 8, 1785, m. June 17, 1806, Timothy Jones. *Levi*, b. April 2, 1788, m. April 8, 1813, Sukey Harrington. *Cyrus*, b. Nov. 28, 1790 (at Lexington), d. Dec. 8, 1790. *Nancy*, b. Oct. 14, 1792, m. Jan. 23, 1814, Parley Robbins.

Jonathan Wilson, Jr., served a campaign of three months, in 1780, in Rhode Island. (See Chap. XXVIII.)

WOOD. The first of the name in this town descended from William, who settled in Concord in 1638. The line is William,¹ Michael,² Jacob,³ Capt. Ephraim,⁴ Ephraim, Esq.,⁵ (Judge), Daniel,⁶ Elijah,⁷ Henry⁸ (who settled in Bedford in 1850).

Henry,⁸ m. Nov. 26, 1848, Lydia Augusta Willis. She d. Nov. 9, 1885. Ch. *Elizabeth F.* b. Aug. 26, 1849, m. Albert R. Boynton. *h Charles H.* b. June 20, 1851.

Henry Wood is a flourishing farmer, has been prominent in town office, and was representative to the General Court from District No. 18 in 1885.

Charles H.,⁹ m. July 28, 1870, Harriet F. March. Ch. *Henry March*,¹⁰ b. and d. Nov. 1871. *Frances Lydia*, b. Mar. 5, 1873. *Howard March*,¹⁰ b. Mar. 22, 1875. *May Josephine*, b. Mar. 17, 1876. *Elizabeth Firmer*, b. Aug. 26, 1878. *Geor e Henry*,¹⁰ b. Dec. 12, 1881. *Florence Willis*, b. Feb. 16, 1890.

For Stephen A. (M.D.) see professional men.

For WOOLLEY, see Homesteads.

WRIGHT. The name appears here before the Revolution. Judah and Tabitha had Tabitha, Betsey, and Patty

James and Ruth (probably Fassett) established the family here. He d. Dec. 24, 1818; she d. Jan. 6, 1830. (See epitaphs.) Ch. *Ruth*, b. Aug. 9, 1769, d. Sept. 16, 1775. *Sally*, b. Dec. 12, 1772, d. Sept. 2, 1775. *h James*, b. Nov. 2, 1774. *h John Todd*, b. Dec. 16, 1777. *Betsey*, b. Aug. 6, 1779, m. Joseph Brown, d. June 30, 1818.

James Wright was in the Revolution, was a deacon of the church from 1785 to 1817, and a leader in the music of the church services.

James, m. Mar. 16, 1797, Dorcas Page. He d. Mar. 27, 1826; she d. Nov. 22, 1846. Ch. *Timothy Page*, d. young. *h Joseph Bixby*, b. Sept. 13, 1804. *Dorcas Emily*, b. July 12, 1806, m. Seth Sweetser of Woburn. *Sally*, b. Sept. 22, 1808, m. Abel S. Monroe. *Betsey*, b. Mar. 28, 1810, m. Edmund Hoar. *Margaret S.* d. young. *Caroline*, b. Sept. 28, 1814.

John T. m. Oct. 11, 1796, Hannah Proctor. Ch. *Hannah*, *Ruthy*, *Gloria*, and others.

Joel and Dolly H. had *George Cleveland*, b. Jan. 7, 1823.

Joseph Bixby, m. Mary E. Smith. He d. July 18, 1879; she d. Oct. 5, 1857. Ch. *James E.* b. Aug. 16, 1833 (vinegar manufacturer in Cambridge). *Henry E.* b. 1836 (can manufacturer in Somerville).



LANE HOMESTEAD.

Built by John Lane⁴ about 1750, continued in the family possession by Jonathan,⁵ Jonathan,⁶ and birthplace of Hon. Jonathan A. Lane.⁷ (See Homesteads, p. 102.)

Weep not that the world changes—did it keep
A stable, changeless course, 'twere cause to weep.

—Bryant.

COMMONWEALTH
OF
MASSACHUSETTS.

By His Honor

Samuel Adams, Esq.

Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief

OF THE COMMONWEALTH of MASSACHUSETTS.

To Abner Stearns Gentlemen Greeting.

YOU being appointed *Ensign of a company*
in the Seventh Regiment (Second Brigade)
Third Division of the Militia of this Commonwealth,
comprehending the *County of Middlesex*

By Virtue of the Power vested in me, I do by these Presents (reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Ability, Courage and good Conduct) Commission you accordingly: You are, therefore, carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of an *Ensign* in Leading, Ordering and Exercising said *Company* in Arms, both inferior Officers and Soldiers; and to keep them in good Order and Discipline: And they are hereby commanded to obey you, as their *Ensign*. And you are yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as you shall from Time to Time, receive from me, or your superior Officers.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Commonwealth, the *Twentieth* Day of *October* in the Year of our LORD, 1793 and in the *Eighth* Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

By His HONOR's Command,

John Avery junr

Sam^l Adams

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ERRATA AND ADDENDA.

Page 5, first paragraph, for *fifty-nine* read *fifty-four*.

Page 5, second column, for *Buckley* read *Bulkeley*.

Page 17, first paragraph, for *Rev. George Piper* read *Rev. George F. Piper*.

Page 17, tenth line from bottom, left column, for *five* read *four*.

Page 19, first paragraph, for *Rev. William F. Stearns* read *Rev. William A. Stearns*.

EPITAPHS, page 82. Mary Abbott d. 1807 read 1801.

" page 87, line 20, for *Amittai* read *Amia*.

HOMESTEADS, page 94, Nathaniel 3d means third Nathaniel in possession.

Squadron south of Oakes Farm divided in 1707 instead of 1708.

GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL, page 4, read Abigail Clark Bacon d. 1851 not 1857.

" " " page 4, last paragraph, for *Frank* read *Francis Warren*, as on page 59 in General History.

" " " page 23, Samuel L. Lane d. Sept. 11, 1891.

" " " page 29, read Lot m. *Lucetia*, not *Lucretia*.

" " " page 36, in family of Edwin Russell Stearns, George, b. Oct. 14, 1891.

APPENDIX, 1892.

SECTION I.

The pastorate of Rev. Samuel Andrew Dyberg (see page 55), which had a most auspicious opening, was terminated in about nine months by the failing health of the pastor. Mr. Dyberg labored earnestly for the upbuilding of the ancient Society, occupied a large place in the affections of his people, and was highly esteemed by the entire community. He reluctantly quitted his labors in this town in the fall of 1891, carrying away abundant and substantial evidences of the love of his people and confidence of the Unitarian denomination of the state of Massachusetts.

The name of Uriah Goodwin should be added to the list of deacons of the Unitarian church (page 55).

The renovation of the meeting-house of the First Parish (page 55) was completed in the early months of 1892. By these changes the spacious galleries, no longer of use in the service of worship, were transformed into rooms for social purposes, and the auditorium was artistically returned to somewhat of its original design.

The Union School House (page 109) was dedicated on Dec. 31, 1891, with program as follows:

Music by Bedford Cornet Band.

Singing by school children.

Reading of Scripture by Rev. Edwin Smith.

Dedicatory Prayer by Rev. James Sallaway.

Solo by Arthur Buttrick, of Boston.

Formal Delivery of Keys by Wallace G. Webber, Chairman of Building Committee, to Oliver J. Lane, Chairman of Selectmen, and by him to Rev. Edwin Smith, Chairman of School Board.

Address, "Bedford Schools and School Houses," by Abram English Brown.

Solo by Arthur Buttrick, of Boston.

Address by George A. Walton, of State Board of Education.

Singing by school children.

Remarks by Revs. Edwin Smith, James Sallaway and George F. Piper; Lewis T. McKenney, Supervisor of Schools; Hon. Jonathan A. Lane, a son of the town, who tendered the gift of a clock for the use of the schools; Mrs. Martha Hill Sage, a native of the town and a former teacher.

Singing, "America."

Benediction by Rev. D. W. Richardson.

SECTION II.

MARCH, Aaron H. (see page 63), died Oct. 25, 1891, aged 85 years, 3 months. He was one of four children of Joshua March and Judith Hodgkins, born at Walpole, N.

H He went when a young man to Boston, where he established himself in business. He married in 1835 Mary J. Shedd, a woman of excellent qualities, who died April 6, 1885. They had seven children. Having accumulated a competency, he retired from business and settled in Bedford in 1865, where he passed the remainder of his life, enjoying the respect and confidence of the people. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen in 1875-6. When, in April, 1877, the question arose of providing a room for the Bedford Free Public Library, Mr. March tendered the free use of a suitable building for that purpose. This was gratefully accepted, and the generous act was annually repeated during his life, a period of almost fifteen years. The cash value of this gratuity cannot be rated less than thirteen hundred dollars,—a larger sum than the town has ever received from any individual by the way of gift.

HUCKINS, Samuel W., (see page 63) died Feb. 8, 1892, aged 74 years. Mr. Huckins settled on the Samuel Lane share of the Winthrop Farm (see page 103) about the year 1870, and there spent the remainder of his life. His good judgment prompted his townsmen to honor him with various offices, in which he was a faithful servant of the town.

LANE, Oliver W. (Gen. Sec., page 21), was a deacon of the first Universalist Church of Boston, house of worship in Bennett Street. He presided at the installation of Rev. John Murray as pastor of that church Oct. 23, 1793, "in a very appropriate and affecting manner."

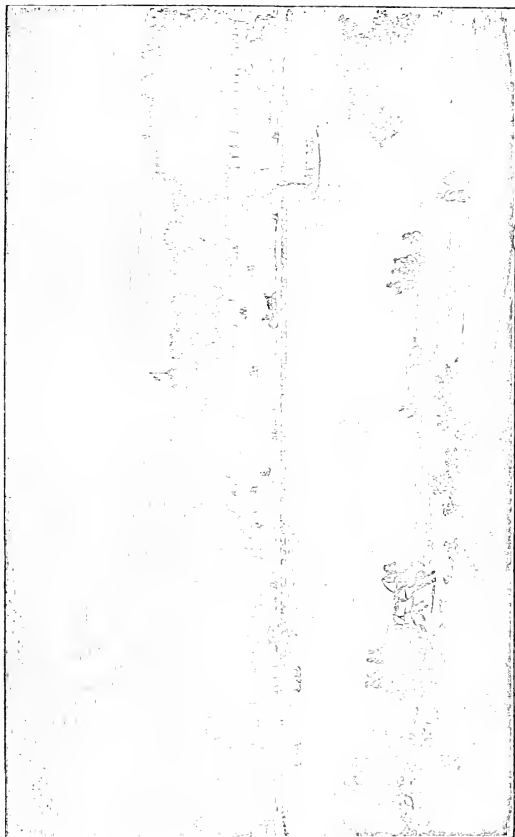
Oliver Wellington Lane, ⁵ m. Oct. 23, 1784, Susannah Newman, and d. Nov. 3, 1793. Ch. *James Bowdoin*, ⁶ b. Aug. 4, 1785; *Augustus Frederick*, ⁶ b. Aug. 12, 1787; *Thomas Parker*, ⁶ b. July 1, 1789. *Mary Wellington* and *Susannah Newman* (twins), b. Mar. 30, 1791. *Mary Wellington* m. *Elijah Clark*. *John Murray*, ⁶ b. Apr. 29, 1793, d. June 29, 1794. *Susannah Lane* (widow of Oliver W.), m. *Levi Lane*. Ch. *Hannah*, *John*, *Harriet*, *Francis*.

Oliver W. Lane was interred in the Old Granary Burying Ground, Boston. Inscription on stone as follows:

"Beneath this spot reposes the mortal part of Mr. Oliver W. Lane, Junr., Dea'n of the Universalist church in Boston. Ob't. Nov. 3d, 1793, aged 42 years, in whom was united the real christian, the accomplished gentleman, and unrival'd preceptor.
Beside the parent sleeps his son

John Murray Lane, ob't. June 30th, 1794, aged 14 months.
The stock and scion sprang from the same root.

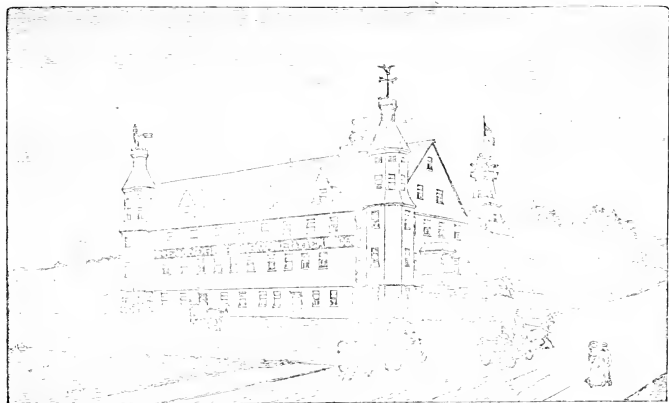
Entwined in Heaven they bear immortal fruit"



VIEW OF FAWN LAKE AND BEDFORD STRINGS.



SPRINGS HOUSE.



LABORATORY, BEDFORD SPRINGS, 1892.

